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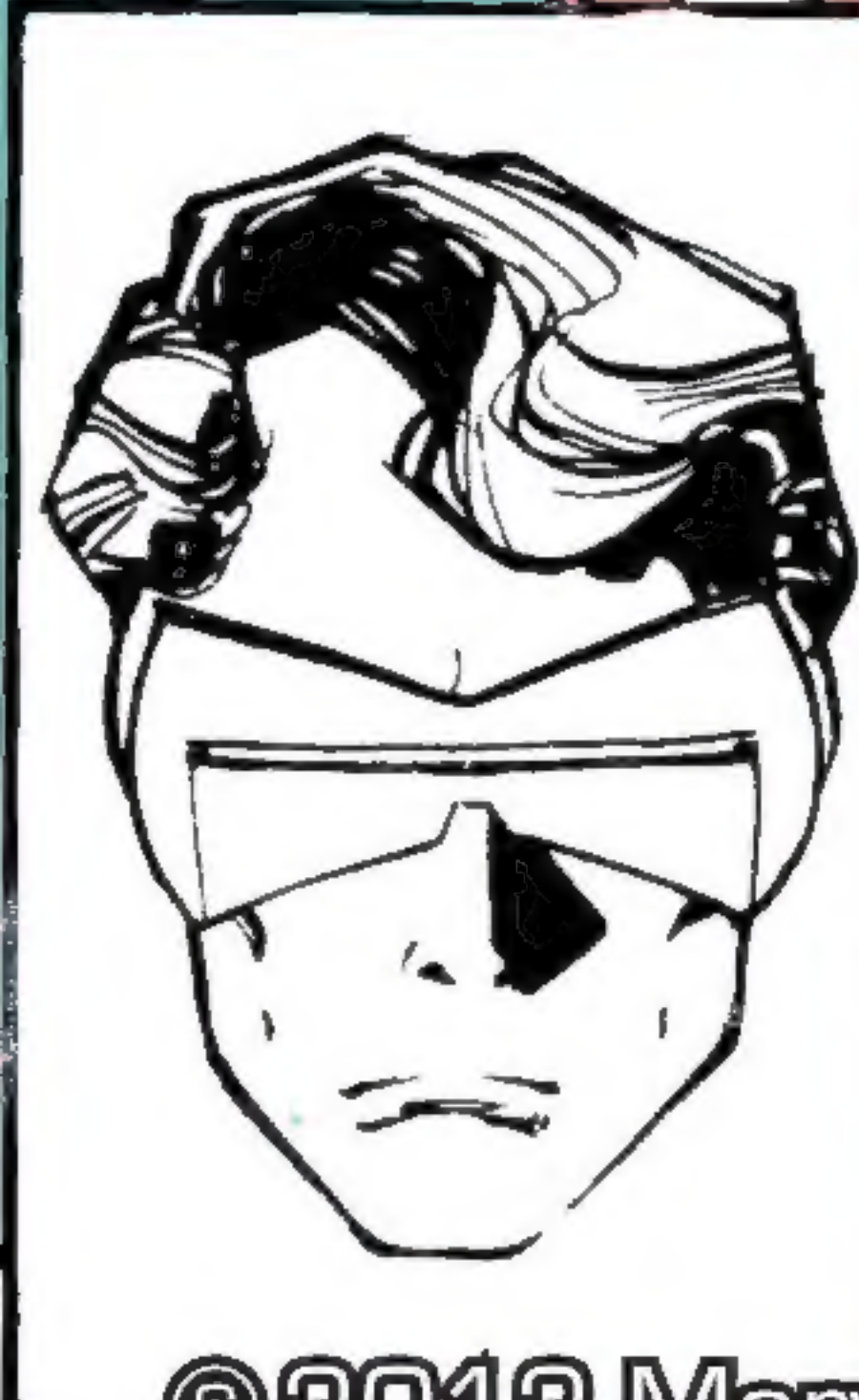
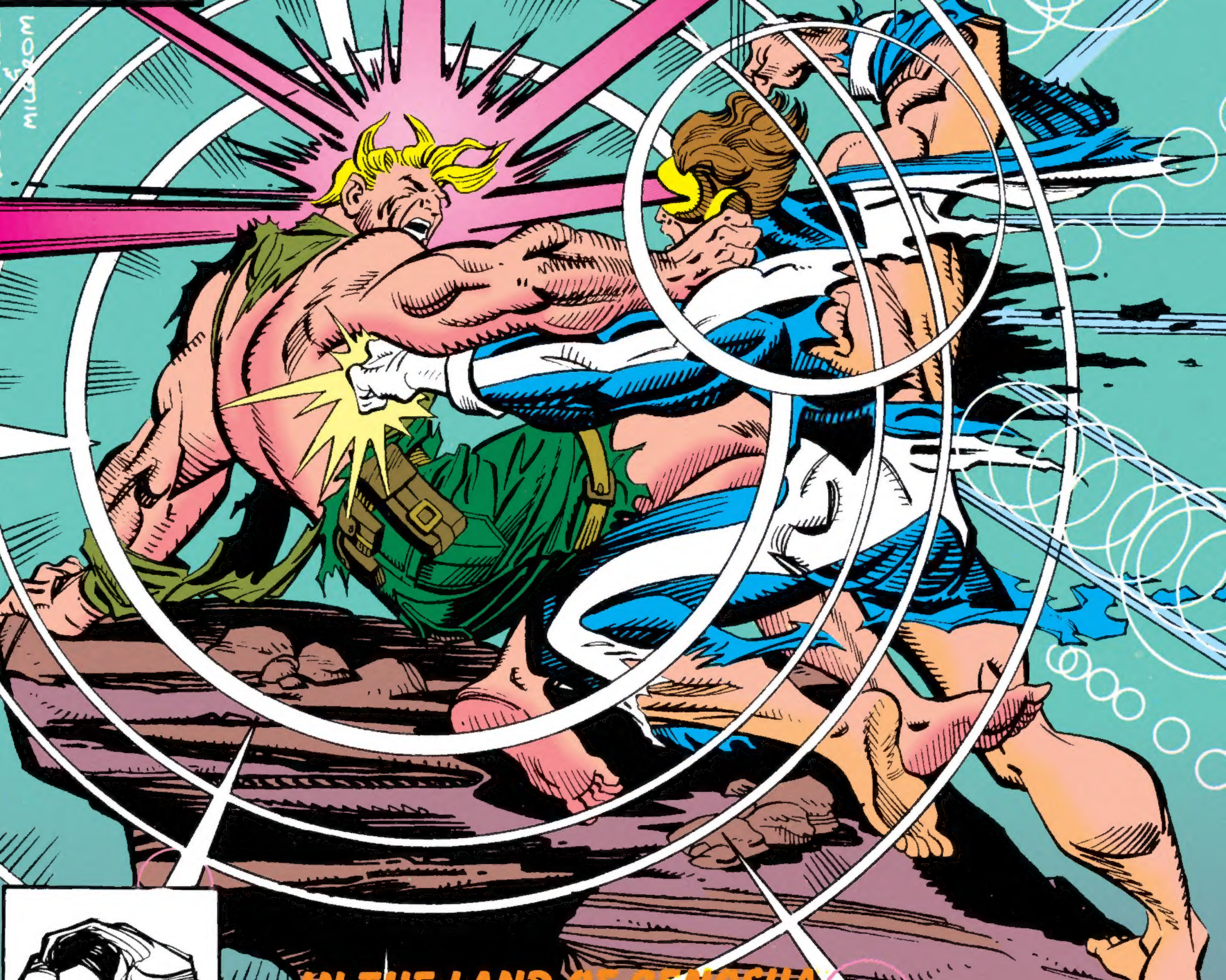
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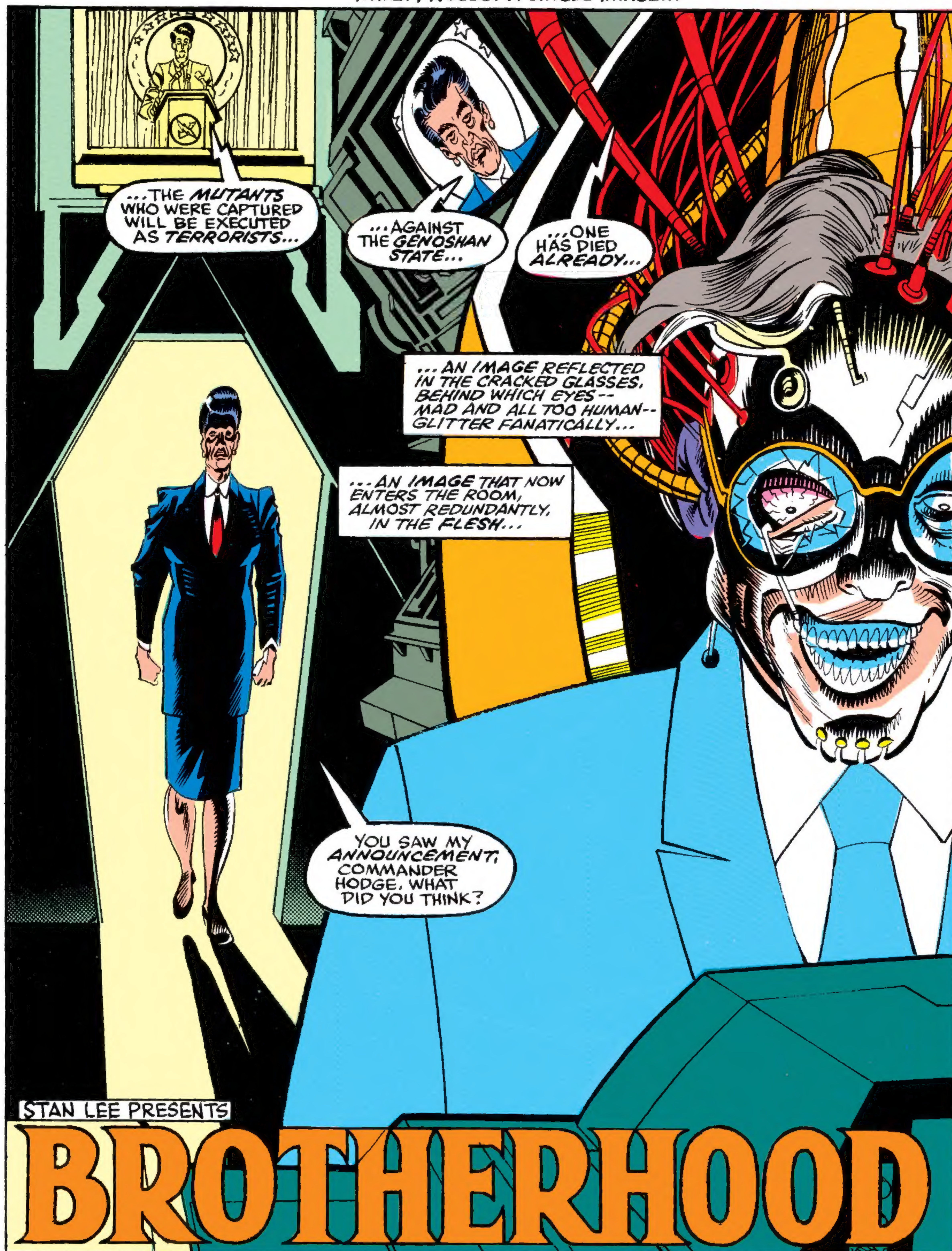
PART 3

X FACTOR



IN THE LAND OF GENOSHA—
BROTHER BATTLES
BROTHER

THE ROOM IS A GLEAMING RAT'S WARREN, A BROODING SPIDER'S WEB OF WIRE, DOTTED BY SCREENS WHICH PROJECT A SINGLE IMAGE...



...THE MUTANTS WHO WERE CAPTURED WILL BE EXECUTED AS TERRORISTS...

...AGAINST THE GENOSHAN STATE...

...ONE HAS DIED ALREADY...

...AN IMAGE REFLECTED IN THE CRACKED GLASSES, BEHIND WHICH EYES-- MAD AND ALL TOO HUMAN-- GLITTER FANATICALLY...

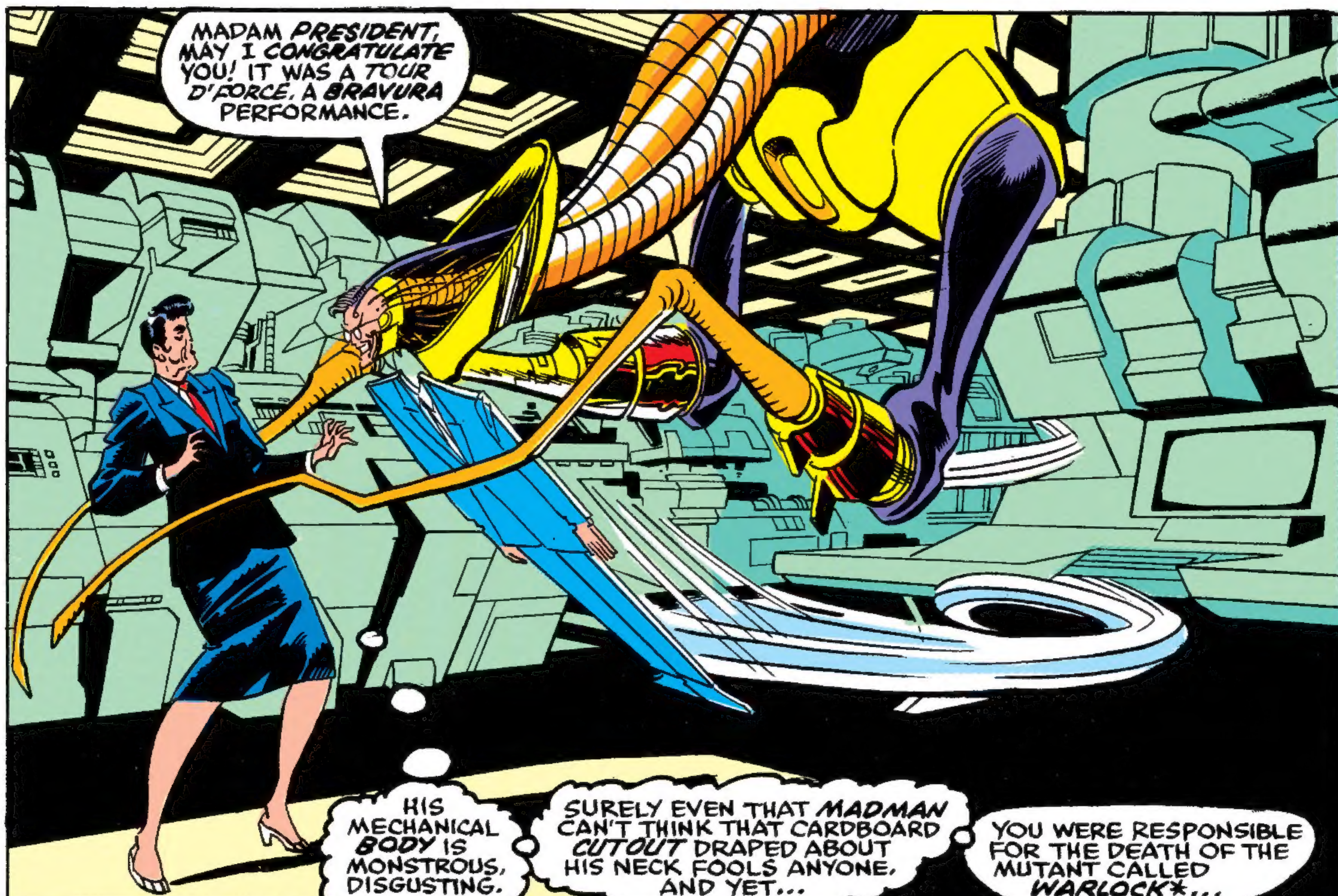
...AN IMAGE THAT NOW ENTERS THE ROOM, ALMOST REDUNDANTLY, IN THE FLESH...

YOU SAW MY ANNOUNCEMENT, COMMANDER HODGE, WHAT DID YOU THINK?

STAN LEE PRESENTS

BROTHERHOOD

LOUISE SIMONSON JON BOGDANOVE ALLEN MILGROM JOE ROSEN GLYNIS OLIVER BOB HARRAS TOM DEFALCO
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MADAM PRESIDENT, MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU! IT WAS A TOUR D'FORCE, A BRAVURA PERFORMANCE.

HIS MECHANICAL BODY IS MONSTROUS, DISGUSTING.

SURELY EVEN THAT MADMAN CAN'T THINK THAT CARDBOARD CUTOUT DRAPED ABOUT HIS NECK FOOLS ANYONE, AND YET...

YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE MUTANT CALLED WARLOCK*...

...A DEATH FOR WHICH WE GENOSHANS MUST NOW ASSUME THE BLAME.

OR PERHAPS, CREDIT--AS YOU YOURSELF HAVE SHREWDLY REALIZED.

A PITY, DEAR MADAM, THAT WARLOCK DID NOT SURVIVE MY ATTEMPT AT TRANSLATION, BUT IT IS FOR THE BEST, IS IT NOT?

*SEE NEW MUTANTS #95, BOB



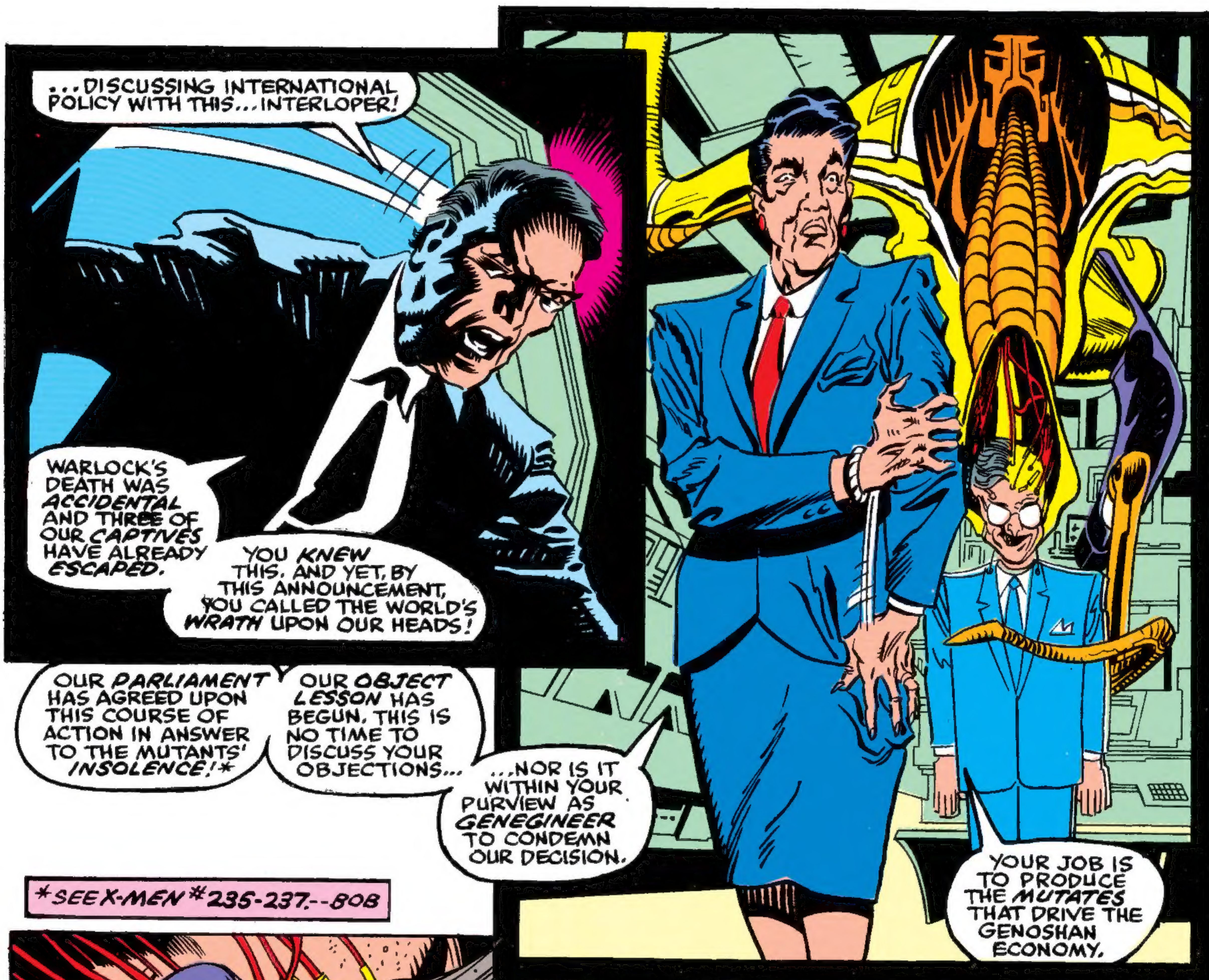
NOW THE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE SERIOUS. THEY WILL BELIEVE YOUR THREATS...

GENOSHA WILL BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND WILL KNOW TO FEAR YOU.

THE AUTHORITY IT LENDS YOUR ULTIMATUM WILL INFLUENCE WORLD OPINION.

MUTANTS EVERYWHERE WILL BE BROUGHT TO HEEL AND THE EARTH WILL TREMBLE AT GENOSHA'S FEET.

I THOUGHT I'D FIND YOU HERE, COCOONED WITH THAT THING...



...DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL POLICY WITH THIS...INTERLOPER!

WARLOCK'S DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL AND THREE OF OUR CAPTIVES HAVE ALREADY ESCAPED.

YOU KNEW THIS, AND YET, BY THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, YOU CALLED THE WORLD'S WRATH UPON OUR HEADS!

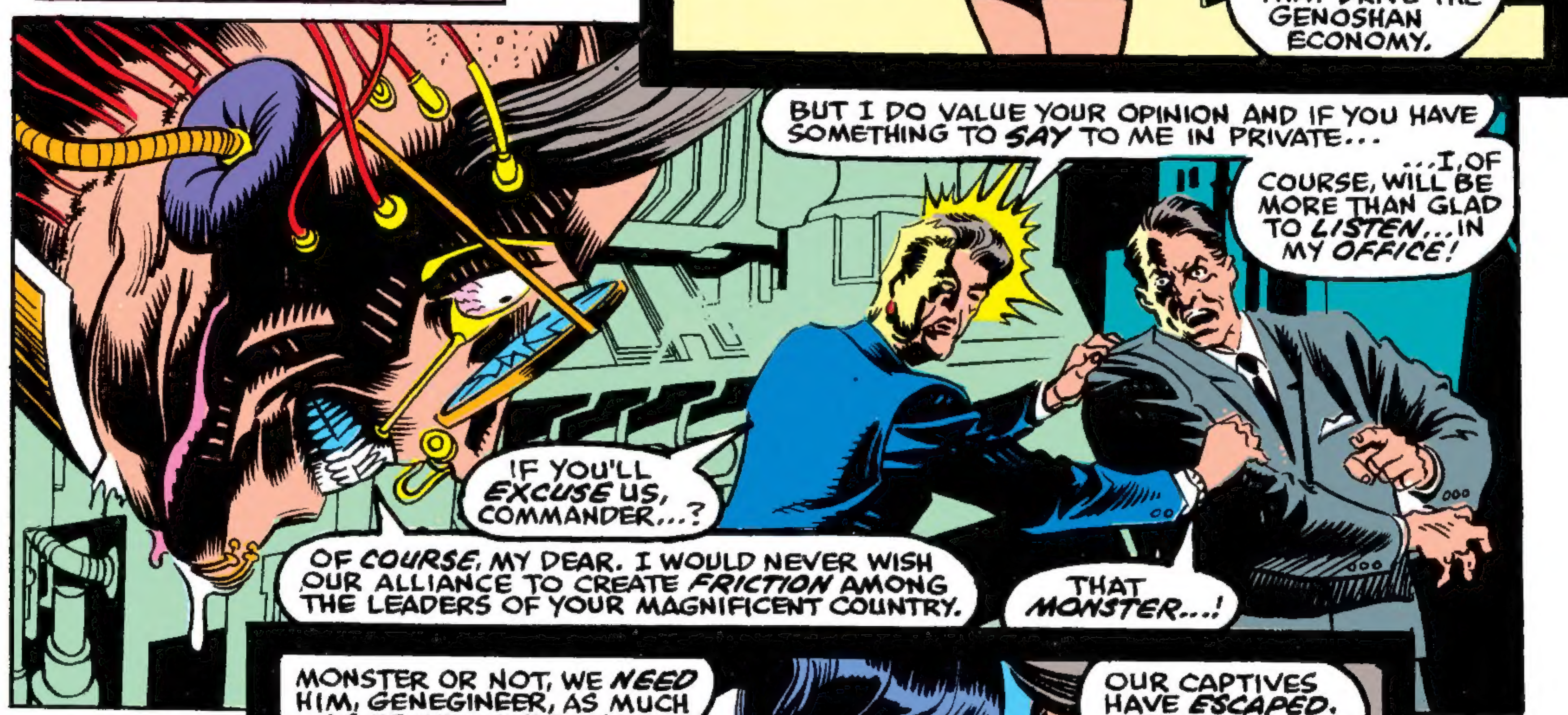
OUR PARLIAMENT HAS AGREED UPON THIS COURSE OF ACTION IN ANSWER TO THE MUTANTS' INSOLENCE!*

OUR OBJECT LESSON HAS BEGUN, THIS IS NO TIME TO DISCUSS YOUR OBJECTIONS...

...NOR IS IT WITHIN YOUR PURVIEW AS GENENGINEER TO CONDEMN OUR DECISION.

YOUR JOB IS TO PRODUCE THE MUTATES THAT DRIVE THE GENOSHAN ECONOMY.

*SEE X-MEN #235-237--808



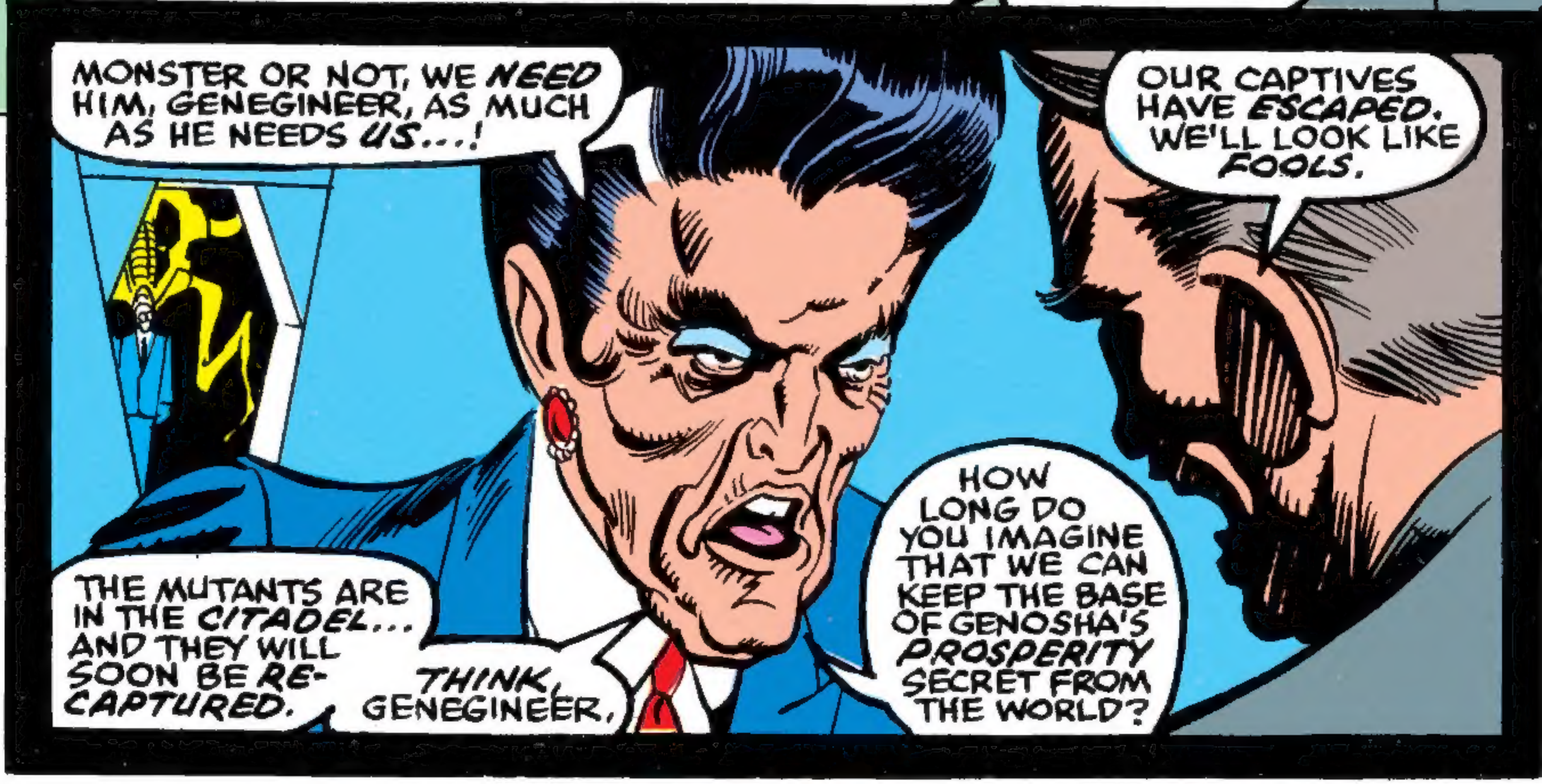
BUT I DO VALUE YOUR OPINION AND IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME IN PRIVATE...

COURSE, ...I, OF MORE THAN GLAD TO LISTEN...IN MY OFFICE!

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US, COMMANDER...?

OF COURSE, MY DEAR. I WOULD NEVER WISH OUR ALLIANCE TO CREATE FRICTION AMONG THE LEADERS OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT COUNTRY.

THAT MONSTER...!



MONSTER OR NOT, WE NEED HIM, GENENGINEER, AS MUCH AS HE NEEDS US...!

OUR CAPTIVES HAVE ESCAPED. WE'LL LOOK LIKE FOOLS.

THE MUTANTS ARE IN THE CITADEL... AND THEY WILL SOON BE RE-CAPTURED.

THINK, GENENGINEER.

HOW LONG DO YOU IMAGINE THAT WE CAN KEEP THE BASE OF GENOSHA'S PROSPERITY SECRET FROM THE WORLD?

THE MUTATES WHOSE POWERS MAINTAIN GENOSHA'S ECONOMY, MAY, TO THE UNEDUCATED, APPEAR HUMAN...

...BUT THEY ARE SPECIFICALLY CONFIGURED PIECES OF GENETIC ENGINEERING... MODULES, WHOSE OWNERSHIP WE MUST PROTECT.

ONE HAS BEEN STOLEN ALREADY... AIDED, I MIGHT ADD, BY YOUR OWN TRAITOR SON...

...AND HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN AMERICA, PROTECTED BY THE MUTANT FORCES THERE.

WE HAVE COUNTERED WITH A SHOW OF STRENGTH!

IF WE SHOW WEAKNESS NOW, THE WORLD WILL BE UPON US AND WE WILL BE OVERWHELMED.

DO NOT MISTAKE ME, GENENGINEER. I KNOW THAT HODGE IS MAD, AND YET WE NEED EACH OTHER'S POWER TO ACCOMPLISH OUR INDIVIDUAL ENDS.

THOUGH, IN THE END, WE EACH PLAN THE OTHER'S DESTRUCTION. A DELIGHTFUL WOMAN. A PERFECT ALLY. SO BE IT!

AND NOW, LET US HAVE A LOOK AT OUR HOSTAGES... OUR PRISONERS OF WAR.

CLICK

ONE IS DEAD. THREE HAVE ESCAPED. NO MATTER.

WOLFSBANE IS STILL MY CAPTIVE. OH, YES, INDEED SHE IS. AND WHEN SHE IS TAMED SHE WILL TRACK THE OTHERS.

CLICK

BOOM-BOOM

RICTOR

WARLOCK

WOLFSBANE

STORM

THESE GENOSHAN FANATICS THINK YOU MUTANT HEROES WILL TAKE THE EXECUTION OF ONE OF THEIR OWN LIGHTLY. HA!

AND SO, WITH THEIR HELP, THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST.

X-FACTOR WILL COME, BRINGING WITH THEM THE TATTERED REMNANTS OF THE NEW MUTANTS AND THE X-MEN.

THE WORLD WILL KNOW OF THEIR BRUTAL AND DISASTROUS ATTACK UPON A SOVEREIGN STATE...

...AND WILL FEAR AND REJECT THEM. THE MUTANTS OF THE WORLD WILL BE EXTERMINATED...

MARVEL GIRL

CYCLOPS

ARCHANGEL

ICE MAN

BEAST

...AND I WILL SEE DONE TO ARCHANGEL... TO ALL OF THEM... EVEN WORSE THAN WAS DONE TO ME.

SLASH

MEANWHILE, IN A NEWSROOM IN MANHATTAN, AN ANCHORMAN CLARIFIES THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN RESPONSE TO GENOSHA'S UNPRECEDENTED ANNOUNCEMENT.

WHAT ELSE COULD THEY DO? NO MATTER WHAT THEY CALL THEMSELVES, THE GENOSHANS ARE TERRORISTS!

BUT TO KIDNAP AMERICAN CITIZENS ON AMERICAN SOIL IN RETALIATION FOR SOME... SOME MUTANT SQUABBLE.

... AND IN A SWIFT AND BIPARTISAN MOVE, THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAS BROKEN OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS...

ESPECIALLY LINDERAGE CITIZENS AND TO KILL ONE OF THEM THEY MUST BE CRAZY!

CRAZY OR NOT, THE ADMINISTRATION CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT.

AND YET, WE DON'T WANT TO GO TO WAR WITH GENOSHA EITHER. THEY'VE INVESTED BILLIONS OF DOLLARS HERE... IN SOME WAYS THEY'VE BEEN GOOD ALLIES.

SO THE ADMINISTRATION WILL ENCOURAGE THEIR CO-OPERATION THROUGH DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC CHANNELS. AND ONLY IF THAT FAILS WILL THEY START TALKING WAR.

BUT THERE'S ONE VARIABLE IN THIS EQUATION WE HAVEN'T CONSIDERED... WHAT IS THE MUTANTS' REACTION GOING TO BE?

TELL HENSHAW I WANT LIVE DIRECT REACTION FROM WASHINGTON, HIGHEST POSSIBLE SOURCE!

WHERE'S TRISH? SHE COVERS THE MUTANTS...

IN THE AIR, MR. BURTON, ON HER WAY TO AN ASSIGNMENT IN INDIA.

WHERE I SENT HER! GREAT SENSE OF TIMING! I'D FIRE MYSELF IF I WASN'T SO GOOD.*

GET A HOLD OF MELLON, TELL HIM TO FIND OUT WHO THOSE KIDS ARE... WHO THEY REALLY ARE.

* AFTER X-MEN # 270, LEAVING BEFORE THE MUTANTS CAPTURE.

I WANT THEIR LIFE STORIES, INTERVIEWS WITH THEIR FAMILIES... THE WORKS!

IN WASHINGTON D.C., THE LAWMAKERS WHO ACTED SO SWIFTLY TO CONDEMN GENOSHA'S TERRORIST ACT, NOW HUDDLE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, DISCUSSING, DEBATING FURTHER OPTIONS, WHILE REPORTERS, JOSTLE FOR INTERVIEWS, JOCKEY FOR QUOTES.

BY CONTRAST, THE SKY OVERHEAD SEEMS SERENE AND UNTRoubLED.

THEN, SUDDENLY, IT IS RENT BY THE SCREAM OF ENGINES, THE SHRIEK OF WINGS, AS THE PUBLICLY-KNOWN MUTANT HEROES KNOWN AS X-FACTOR--INDIVIDUALS ENDOWED BY BIRTH WITH POWERS AND ABILITIES THAT SEEM, IN SOME WAYS, MIRACULOUS...

...PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MORE CLANDESTINE TEAMS, THE NEW MUTANTS AND THE X-MEN, FLY TOWARD A MEETING REQUESTED BY THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!

BY SLAMMING SHUT THE HATCH TO THE X-MANSION, LOCKING THE REST OF US INSIDE, STORM SEALED THE NEW MUTANTS' FATE.*

STORM WAS THERE ON THE SURFACE. YOU WEREN'T. YOU HAVE NO BUSINESS SECOND-GUESSING HER.

I WASN'T THERE TO DEFEND MY STUDENTS BECAUSE STORM STOPPED ME, JEAN.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT, ONE OF MY CHARGES HAS ALREADY DIED.

YOU CAN'T... THINK THAT WAY, CABLE. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT STORM'S MOTIVES WERE.

WHEN WE RESCUE HER, I'M SURE WE'LL UNDERSTAND.

FUNNY ISN'T IT? I WAS WITH STORM... JUST MINUTES BEFORE SHE AND THE OTHERS WERE KIDNAPPED.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT SHE'S IN A CHILD'S BODY NOW, WE'D TALKED... LAUGHED... LIKE OLD TIMES.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS HAS HAPPENED! TO WARLOCK, THE NEW MUTANTS, TO ALL OF US.

FROM MY MEMORIES... MADELYNE'S... MEMORIES,* I KNOW WHAT KIND OF PLACE GENOSHA IS.

THEY TORTURE MUTANTS THERE, SCOTT. ROB THEM OF THEIR BODIES AND THEIR MINDS.

*JEAN HAS INCORPORATED THE MEMORIES OF SCOTT'S DEAD WIFE, JEAN'S CLONE, MADELYNE. --BOB

CYKE, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

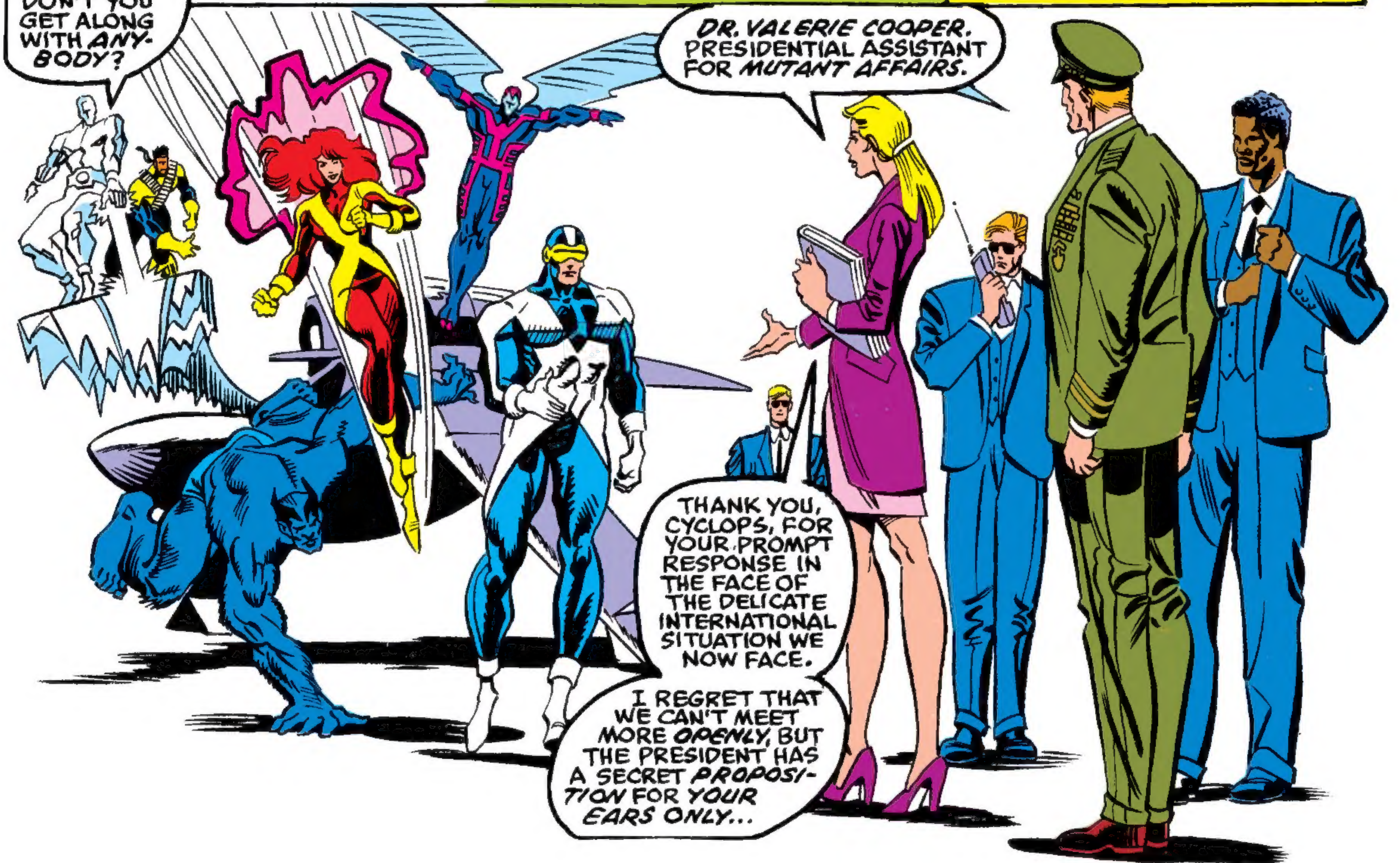
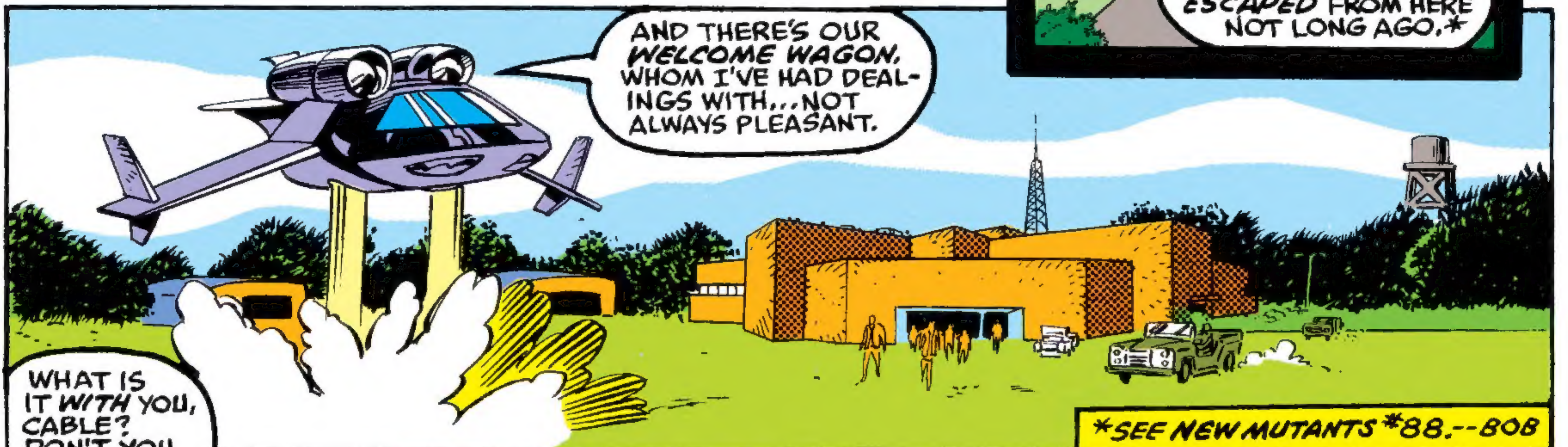
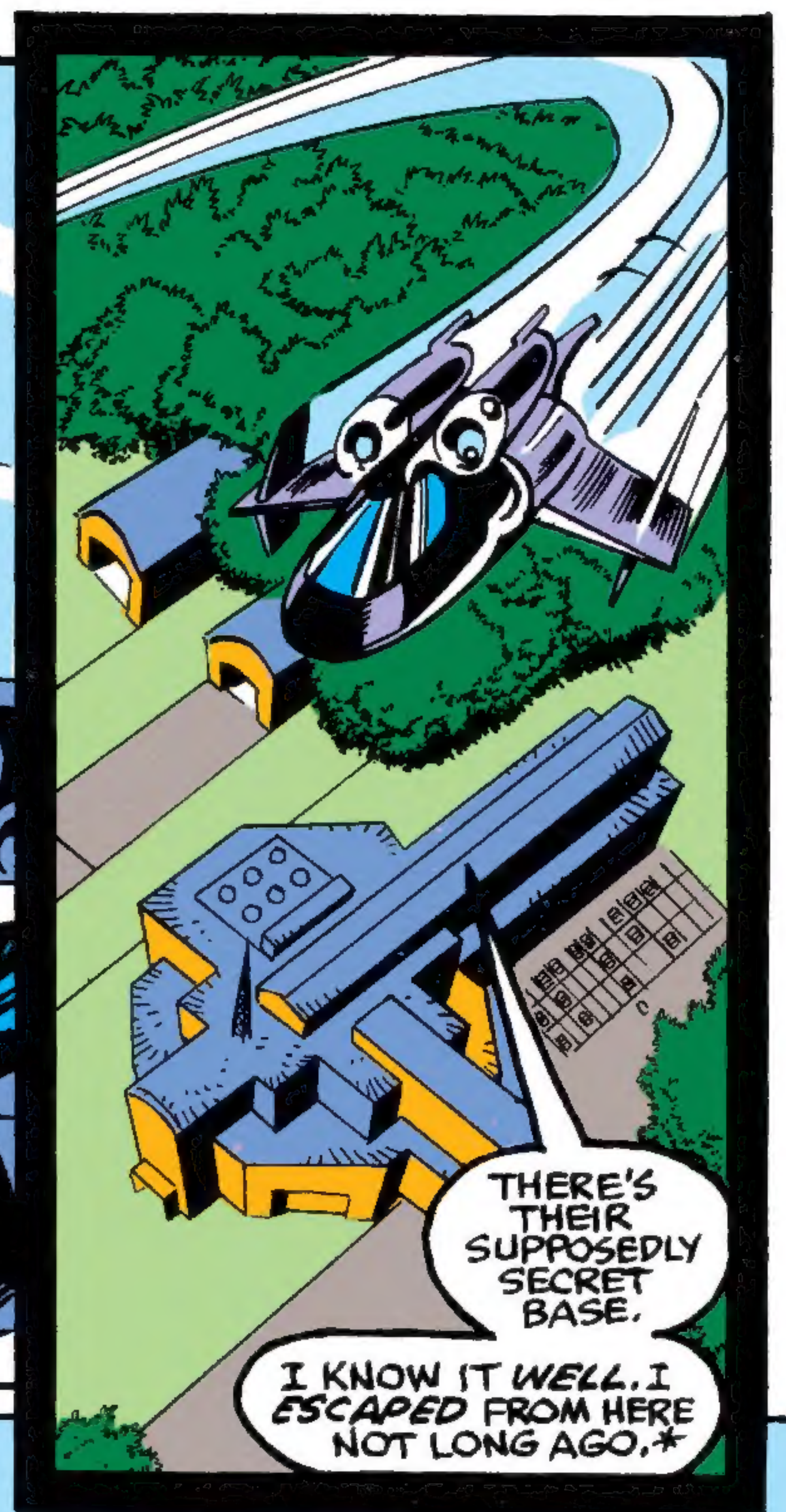
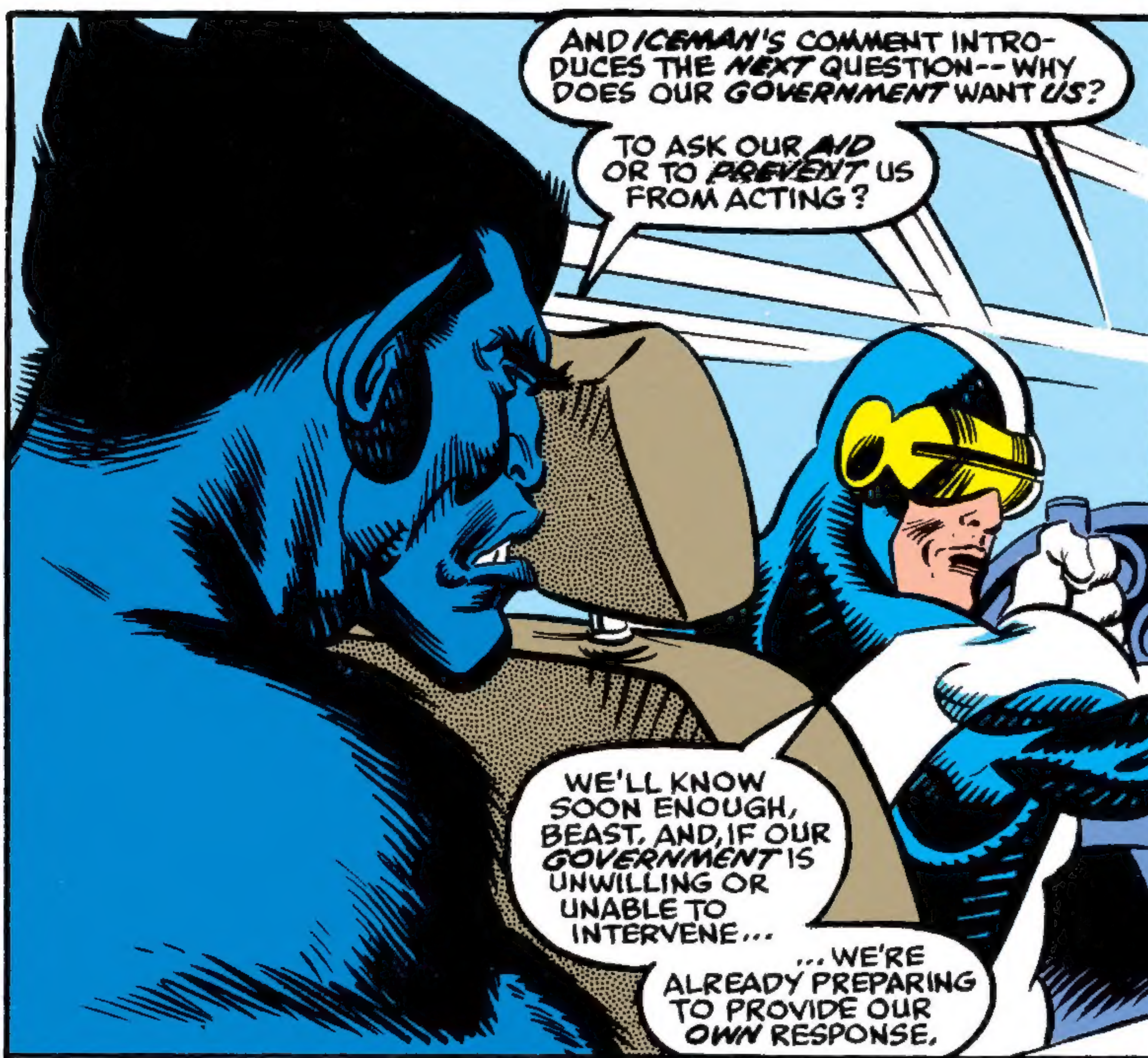
THIS IS A VERY PUBLIC PROVOCATION ON GENOSHA'S PART, ARCHANGEL. I KEEP ASKING MYSELF-- WHY?

WHY CREATE AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT? WHY NOW?

THE WRONG RESPONSE ON OUR PART COULD PROVOKE A WORLD-WIDE OUTCRY AGAINST MUTANT-KIND.

YOU'RE RIGHT, FORGE, AND THAT MAY BE JUST WHAT THEY WANT!

*SEE X-MEN #270.



IN MANHATTAN, WHERE X-FACTOR'S GIANT, SENTIENT SHIP DOMINATES THE SKYLINE, THE REPORTERS BEAM WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW...

THIS IS SAM MELLOW WITH THE LATEST ON THE GENOSHAN CRISIS...

WHILE X-FACTOR HAS REFUSED COMMENT ON THE KIDNAPPING, ARC NEWS HAS LEARNED THAT TWO OF THE TEENS ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ANOTHER IS SCOTS...

WHILE, INSIDE SHIP'S VAST HANGAR, MUTANTS CODE-NAMED GAMBIT, CANNONBALL AND SUNSPOT, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SENIOR BANSHEE...

... ARE CAREFULLY LOADING AN ULTRA-FAST VERTICAL TAKEOFF CRAFT WITH THE ESOTERIC PARAPHERNALIA OF WAR...

YOU KEEP STARIN' AT THAT SCREEN, 'BERTO, LIKE MAYBE IT'LL TELL YA SOMETHIN' YOU DON'T KNOW.

AND MEANWHILE, WARLOCK IS DEAD. GONE.

AND I... I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN. HAVE HIM CALL US "SELF-FRIENDS"...

... MAKE US LAUGH...

LISTEN, SAM, I'VE BEEN THINKING, JUST BECAUSE THEY SAY WARLOCK'S DEAD, DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE.

WE THOUGHT THE X-MEN WERE DEAD, TOO, REMEMBER? AND IT WAS ONLY A HOAX!

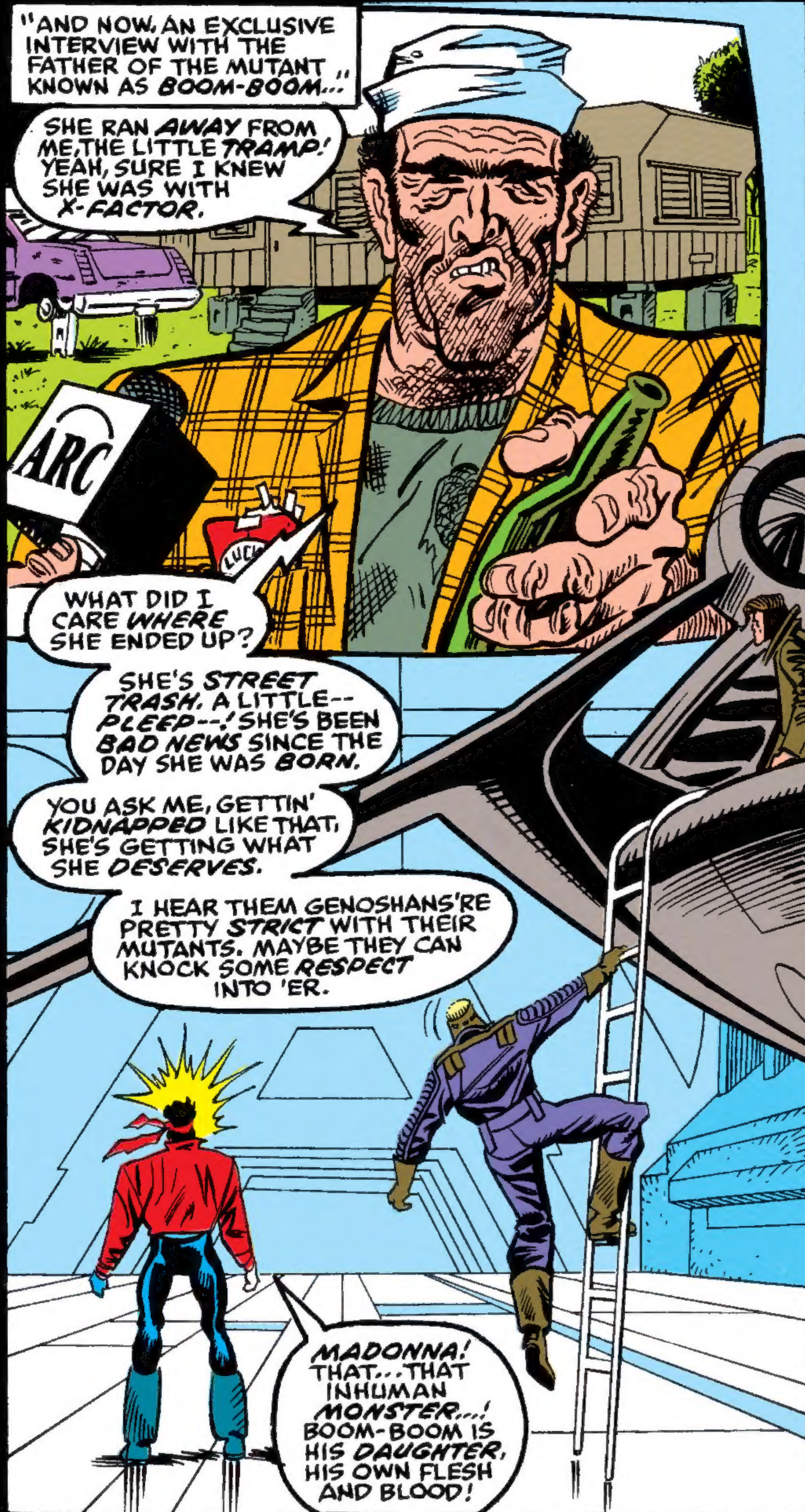
AND WE THOUGHT DOUG WAS DEAD, AND HE'S STAYED DEAD.

WHY WEREN'T WE THERE, ON THE SURFACE WITH THEM? WE COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING. WE COULD HAVE HELPED!

OR BEEN CARRIED OFF BY THE GENOSHANS, TOO.

AT LEAST THIS WAY WE'RE FREE, LADDY, WE HAVE A PLAN... AND WE'RE GONNA GET YOUR FRIEND BACK!

IT'S HORRIBLE, SAM. THEY'RE HOVERING OVER US LIKE VULTURES... HUNGRY FOR EVERY SCRAP OF INFORMATION...



WHILE OUTSIDE
OF WASHINGTON...

...WHILE IT PURSUES, UNOFFICIALLY, OTHER
AVENUES THAT WILL HOPEFULLY LEAD TO
THE RETURN OF THE REMAINING HOSTAGES.

...OFFICIALLY THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT
DOESN'T DEAL
WITH TERRORIST
STATES AND HAS
BROKEN OFF
DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH
GENOSHA...

AND WHAT
DO YOU THINK
THE CHANCES
OF THAT ARE,
MS. COOPER?

FRANKLY,
NOT VERY GOOD.
THE GENOSHANS
ARE ADAMANT IN
THEIR BELIEF THAT
THEIR BIOLOGI-
CALLY ALTERED
HUMANS--

--WHAT
THEY CALL
MUTATES--
ARE PROPERTY...

...AND
THAT THE X-MEN
HAVE STOLEN
ONE OF THEM
WHICH THEY
WANT BACK
AT ALL
COSTS...

YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT JENNY
RANSOME?

TO THEM
SHE'S A UNIT
OF BIO-
TECHNOLOGY--
NUMBER "9-8-1-7."

THAT'S
BULL! SHE'S
A PERSON, FOR
THE LOVE OF--

YOU DEFENDED
HER RATHER EFFECTIVELY
AGAINST THEIR OPER-
ATIVES WHO ATTACKED YOUR
SHIP. *THE GENOSHANS HAVE
LONG MEMORIES AND LARGER
HATREDS...

* IN
X-MEN
#264.
--808

BUT WHY GO
AFTER KIDS?

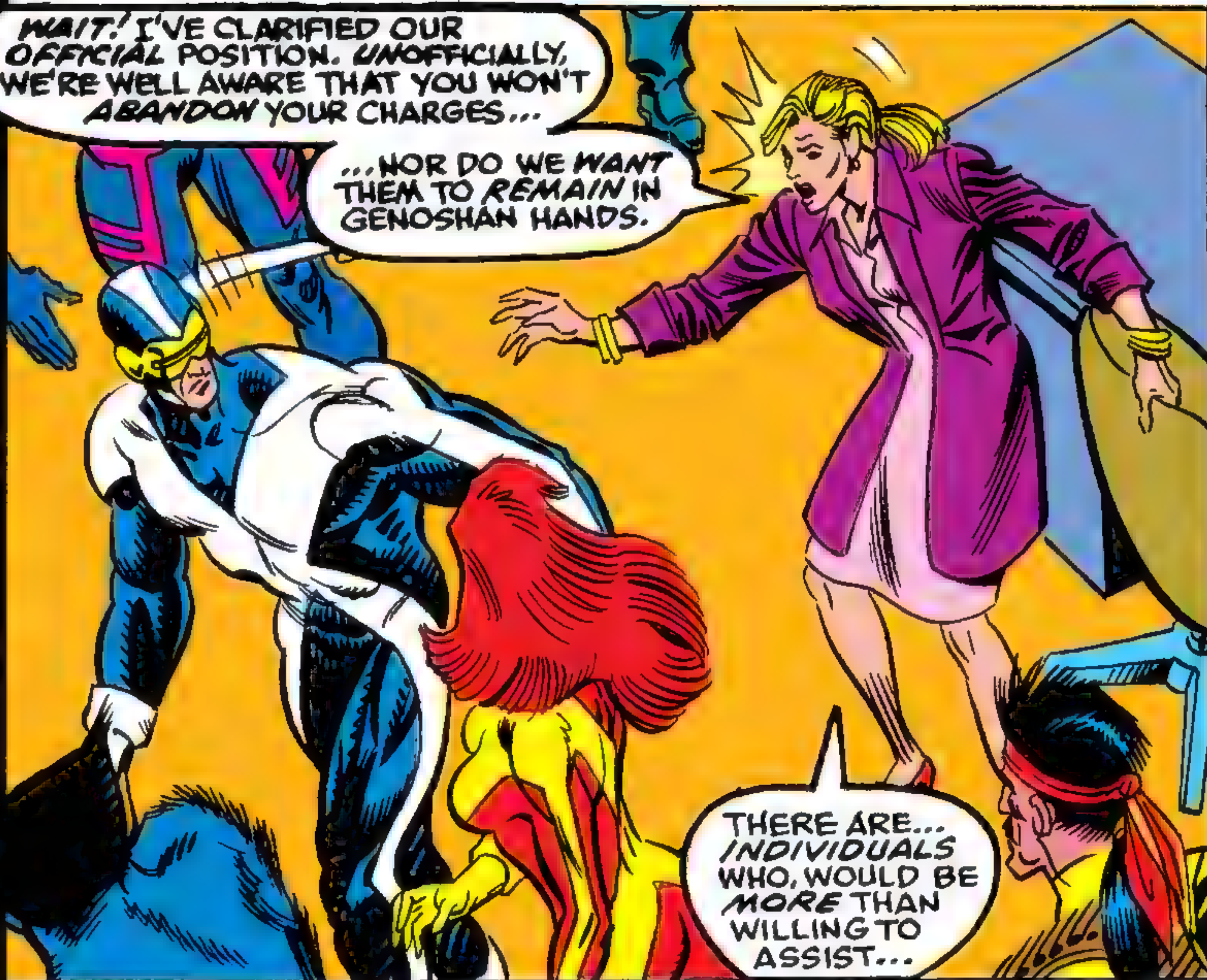
IN RETALI-
ATION. THEY
CONSIDER YOU
ALL X-MEN.

BUT WHY DO IT
SO PUBLICLY?
WHY CREATE AN
INTERNATIONAL
INCIDENT?

THAT'S WHAT
WE CAN'T FIGURE
OUT. THERE'S AN
ELEMENT MISSING...
SOMETHING WE DON'T
YET UNDERSTAND.



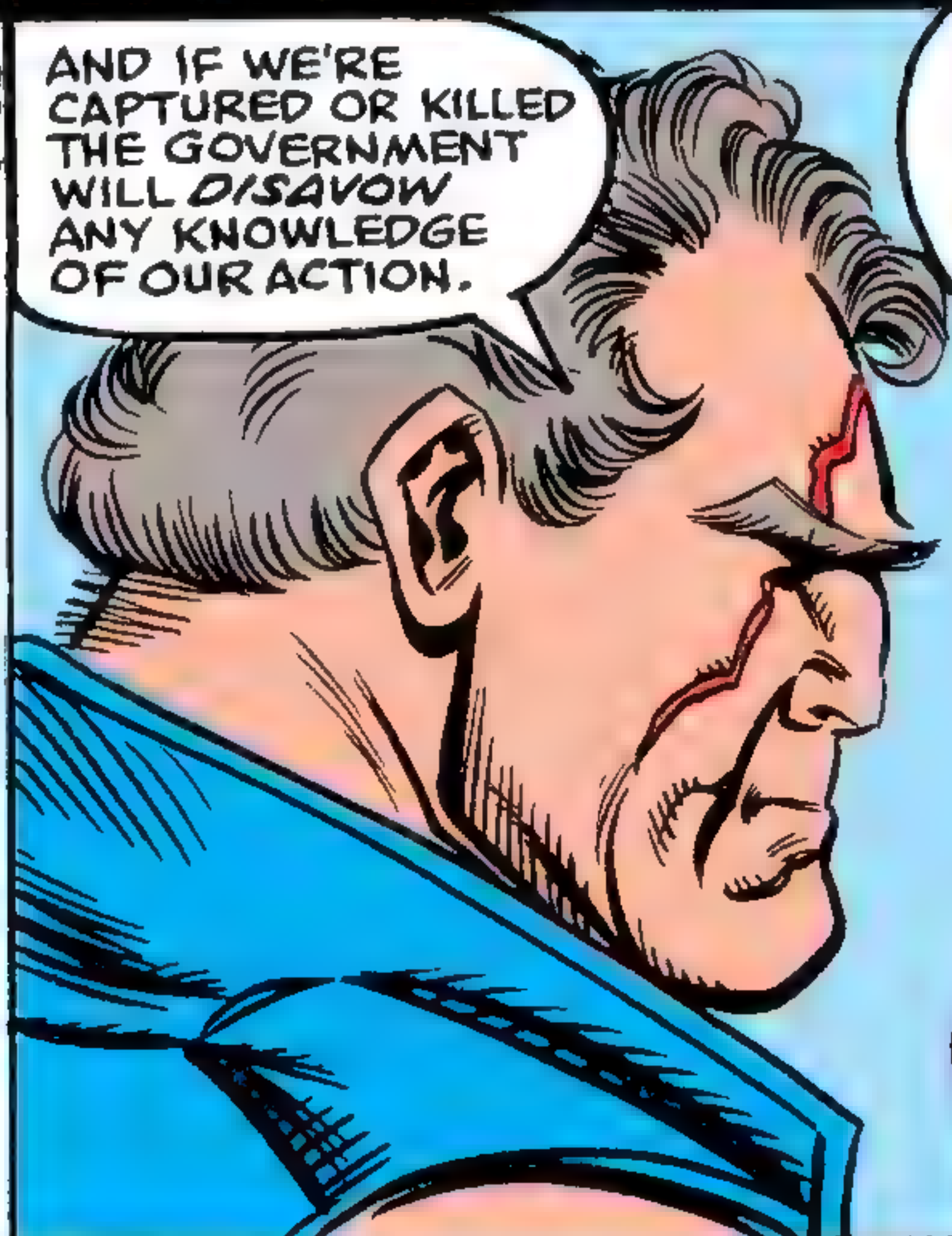
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CLARIFICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, MS. COOPER, AND NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US...



WAIT! I'VE CLARIFIED OUR OFFICIAL POSITION. UNOFFICIALLY, WE'RE WELL AWARE THAT YOU WON'T ABANDON YOUR CHARGES...

...NOR DO WE WANT THEM TO REMAIN IN GENOSHAN HANDS.

THERE ARE... INDIVIDUALS WHO, WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO ASSIST...

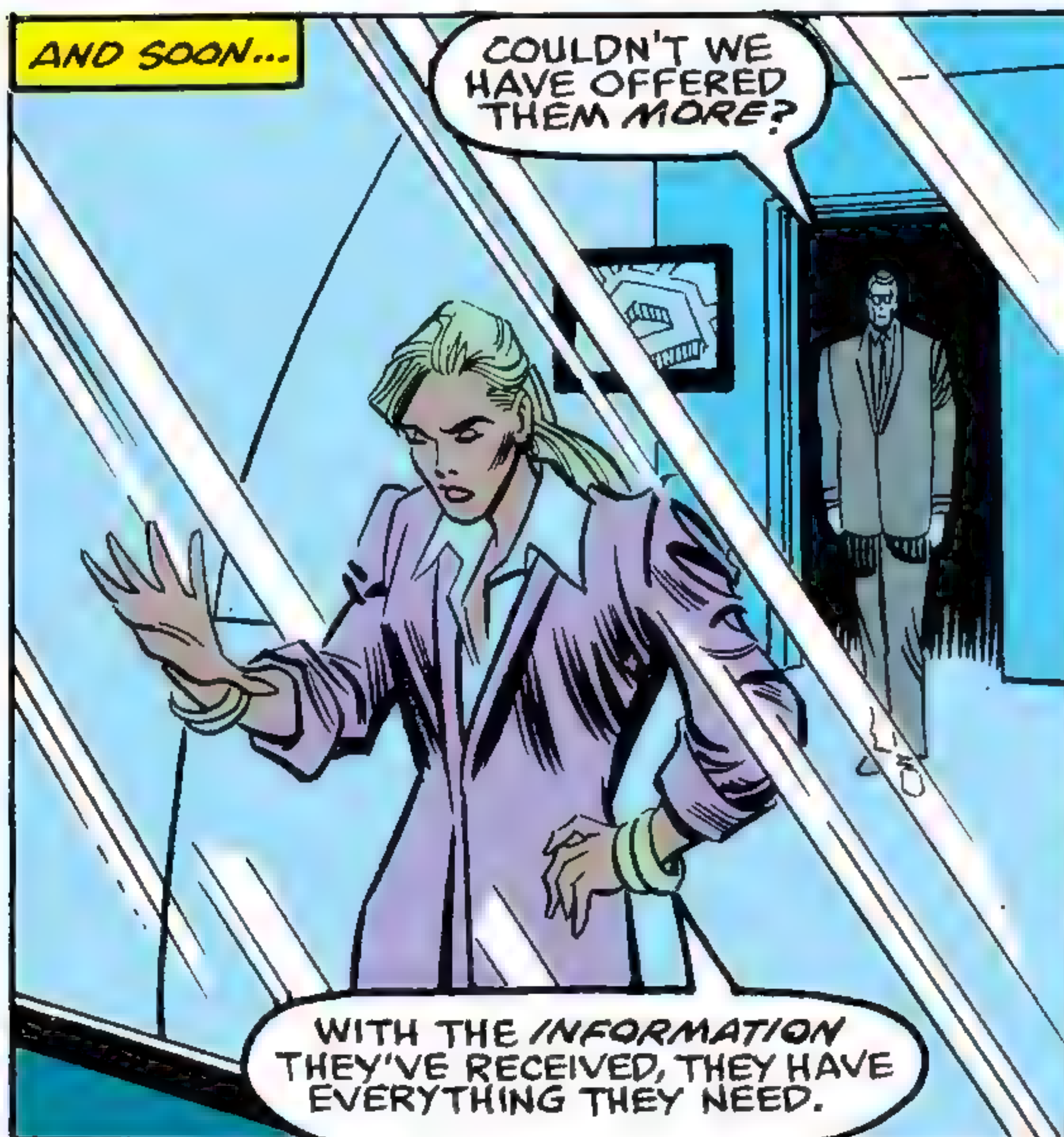


AND IF WE'RE CAPTURED OR KILLED THE GOVERNMENT WILL DISAVOW ANY KNOWLEDGE OF OUR ACTION.

HOWEVER, WE DON'T WANT FORGE INVOLVED. HIS SKILL IN THE MANUFACTURE OF SPECIALIZED ARTIFACTS IS TOO VALUABLE TO WASTE.

THEN YOU BETTER MAKE DARN SURE WE'RE NOT WASTED.

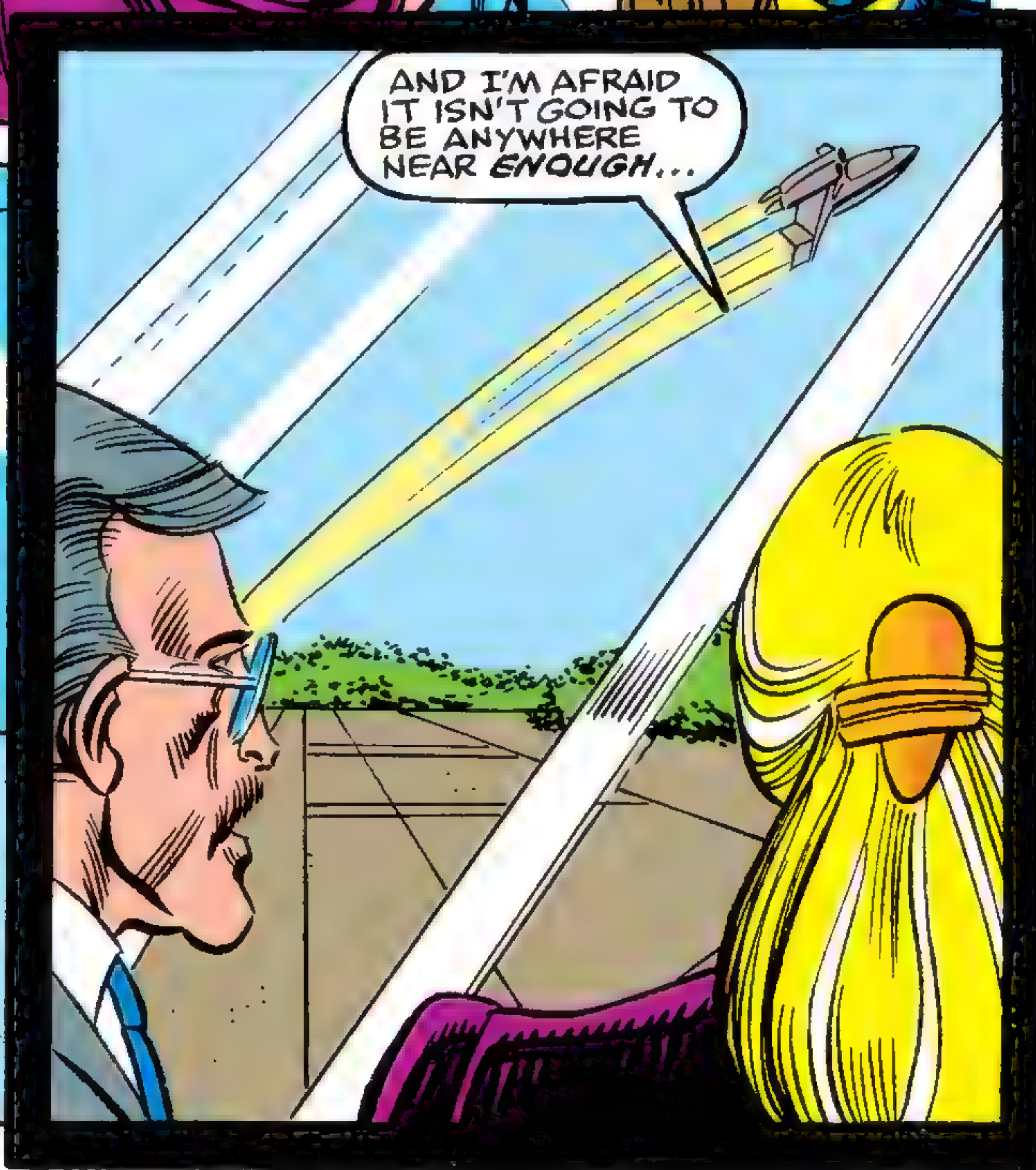
I'M A PRIVATE CITIZEN, VAL... AND I'M IN THIS LITTLE POKER GAME.



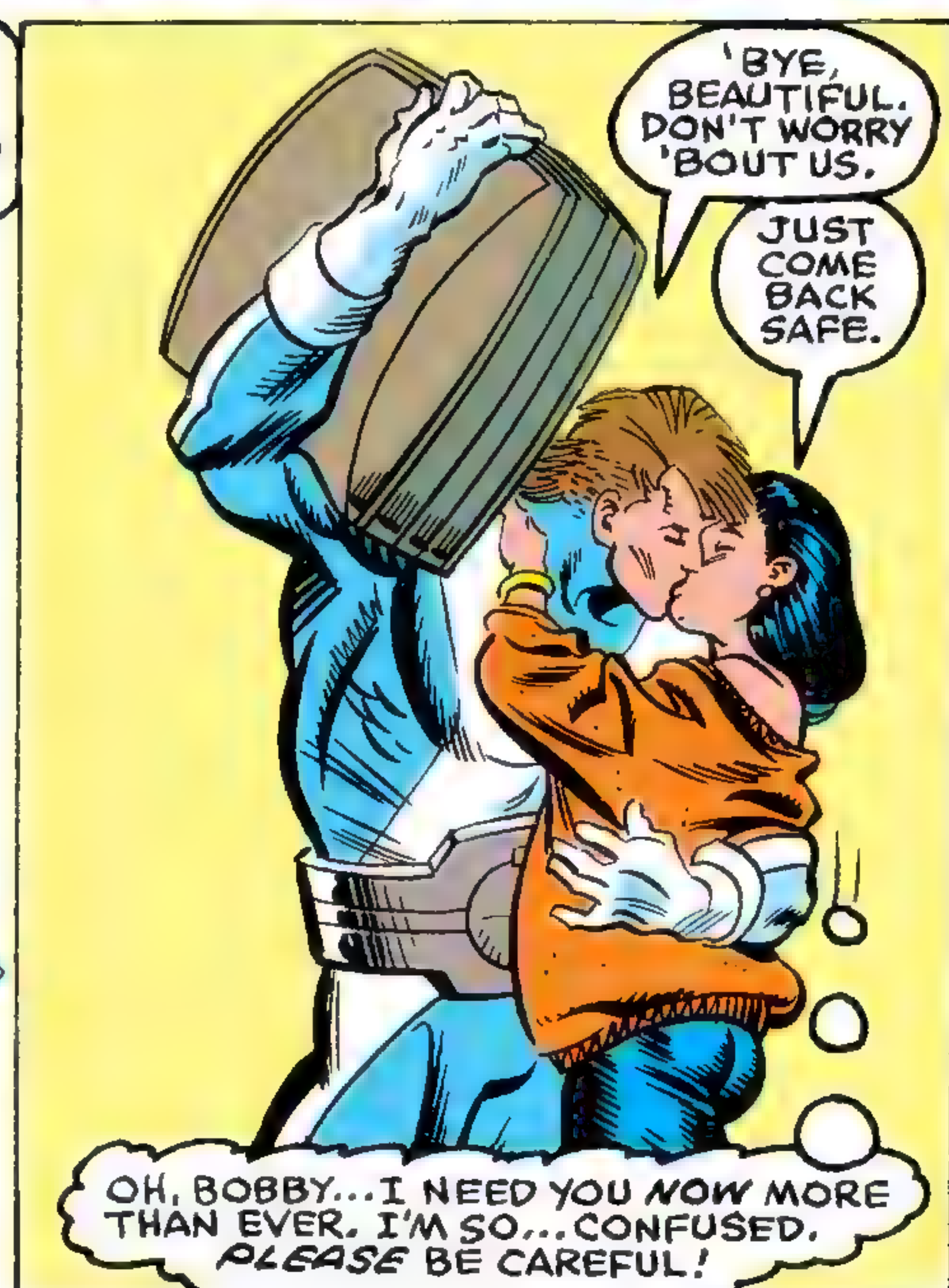
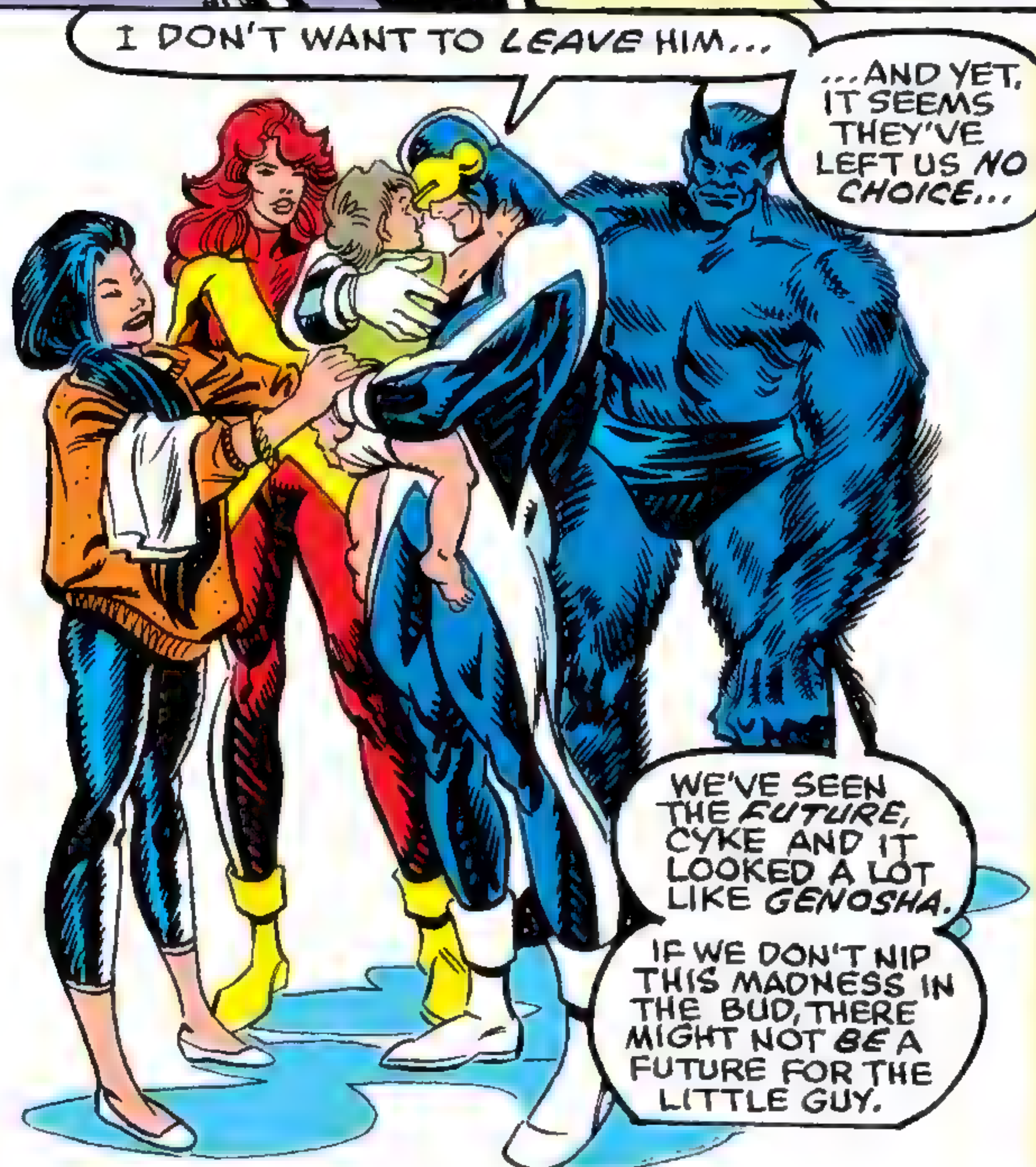
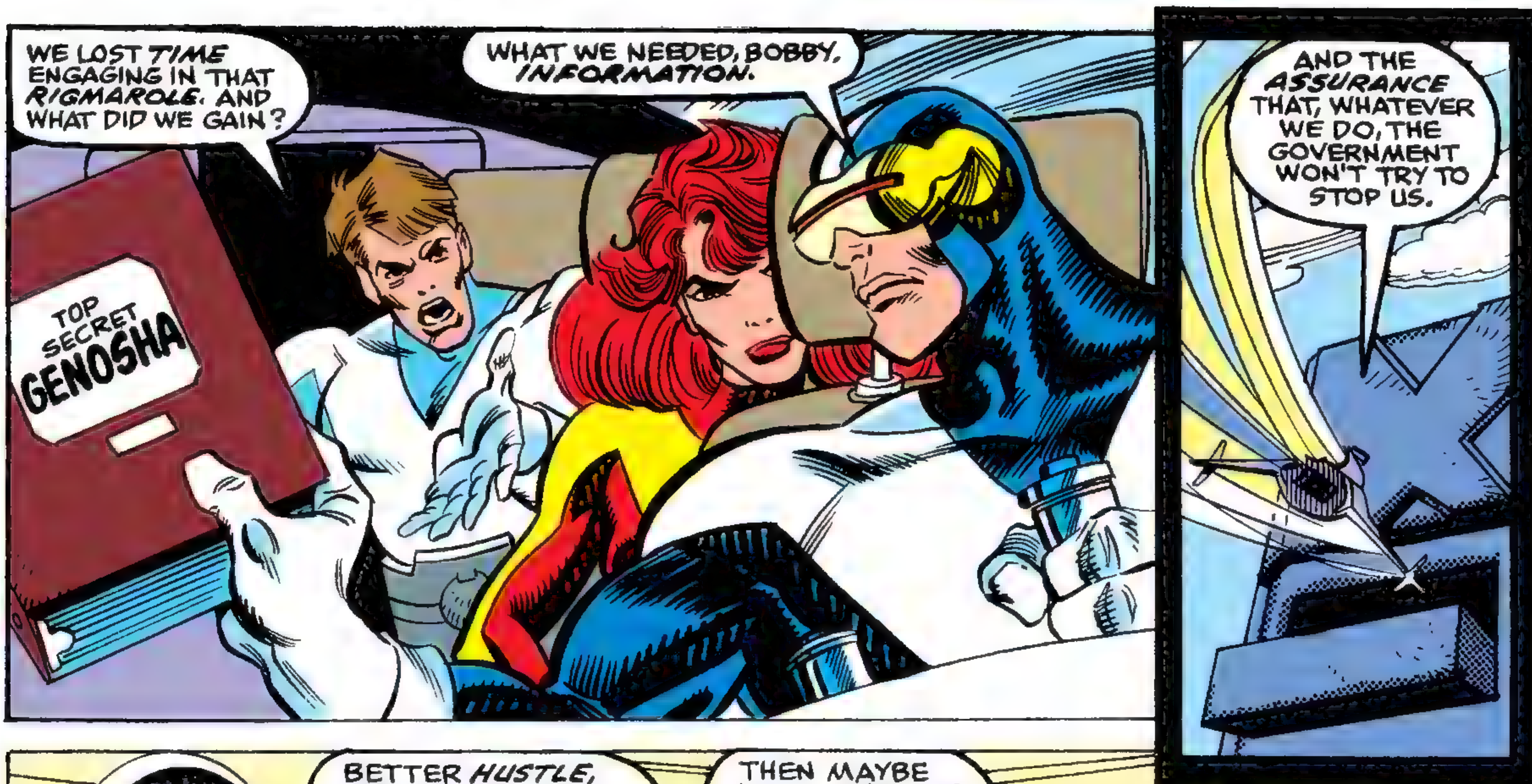
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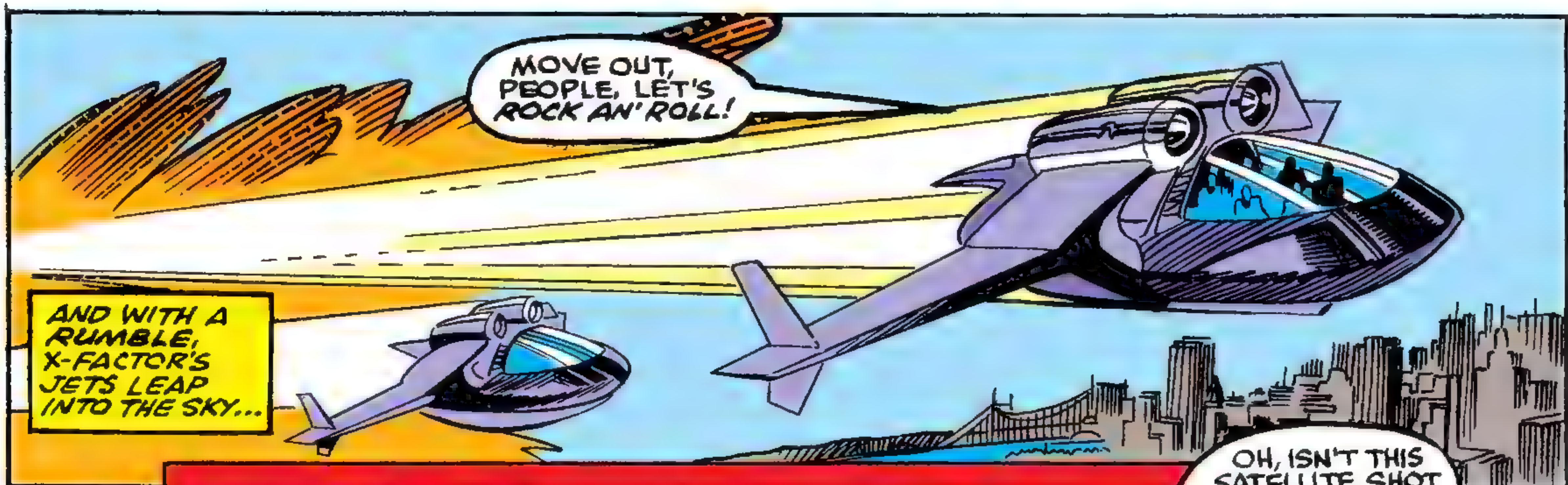
COULDN'T WE HAVE OFFERED THEM MORE?

WITH THE INFORMATION THEY'VE RECEIVED, THEY HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED.



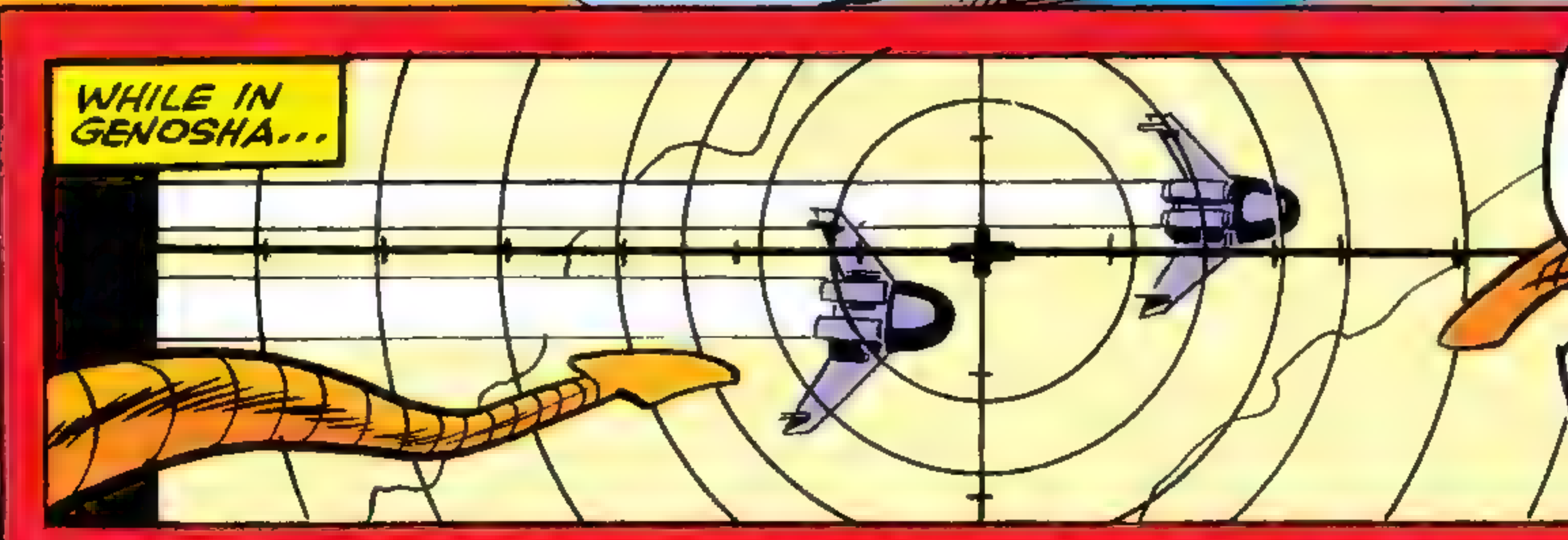
AND I'M AFRAID IT ISN'T GOING TO BE ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH...





MOVE OUT,
PEOPLE, LET'S
ROCK AN' ROLL!

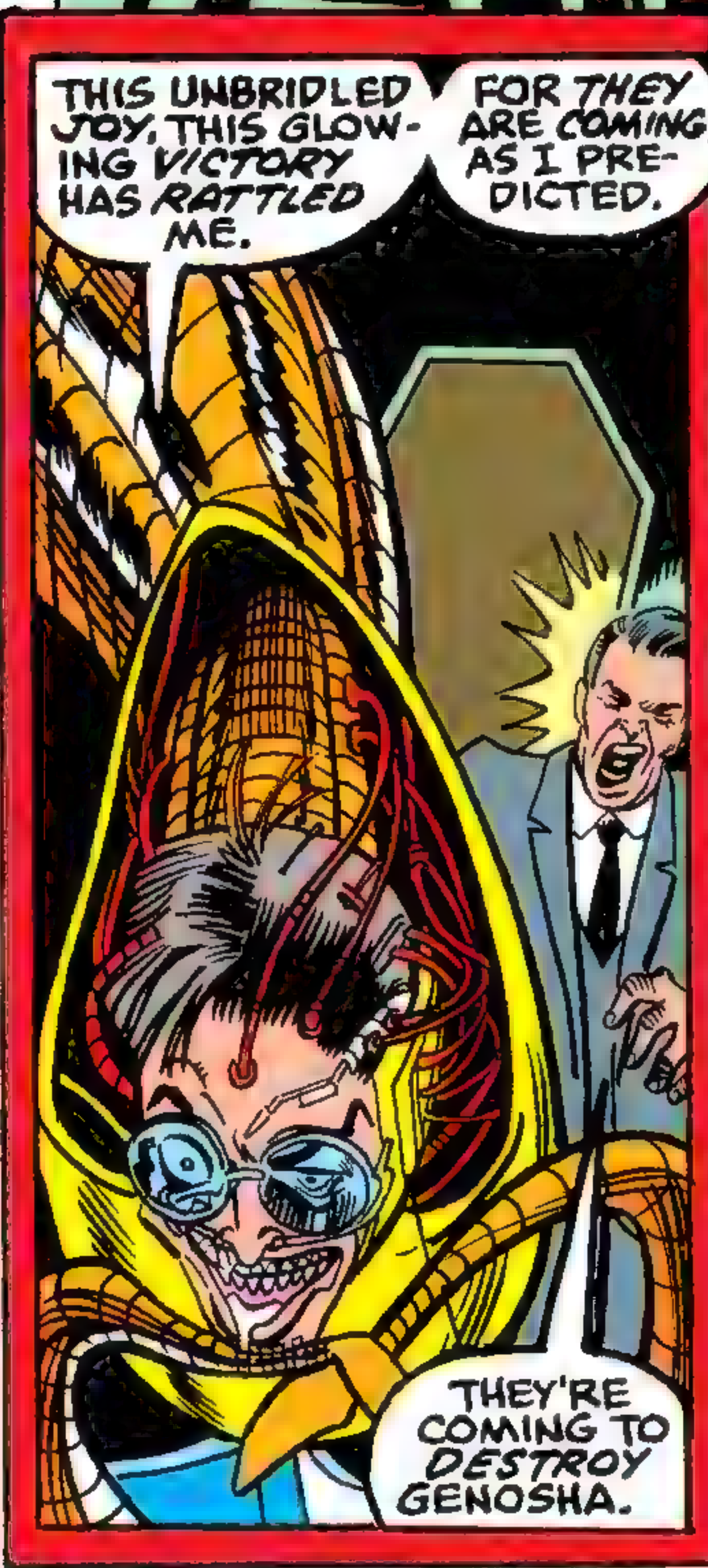
AND WITH A
RUMBLE,
X-FACTOR'S
JETS LEAP
INTO THE SKY...



WHILE IN
GENOSHA...

OH, ISN'T THIS
SATELLITE SHOT
A MARVEL?!?
SHAW INDUSTRIES
HAS EARNED MY
GRATITUDE AND
PROVED THEIR
WORTH!

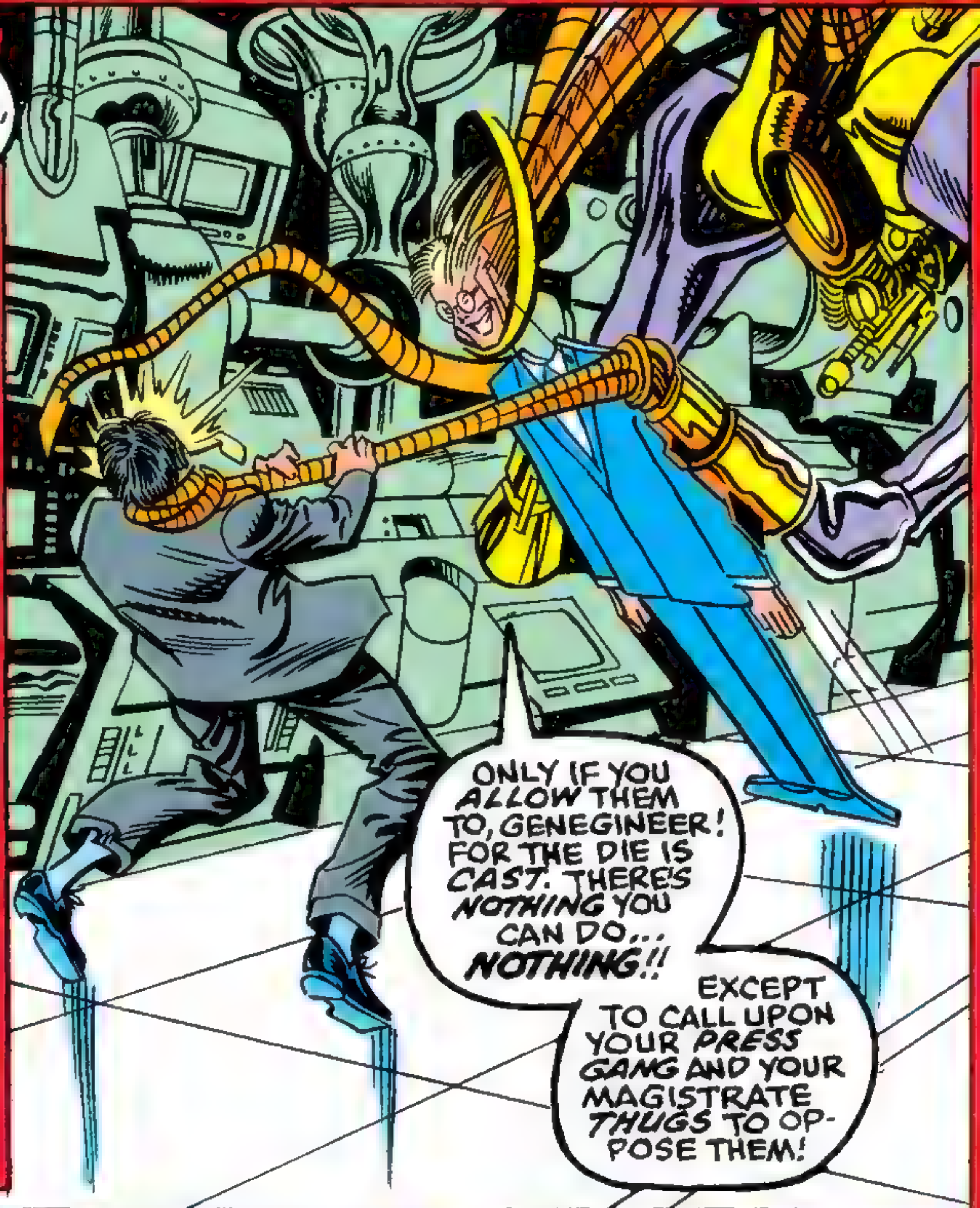
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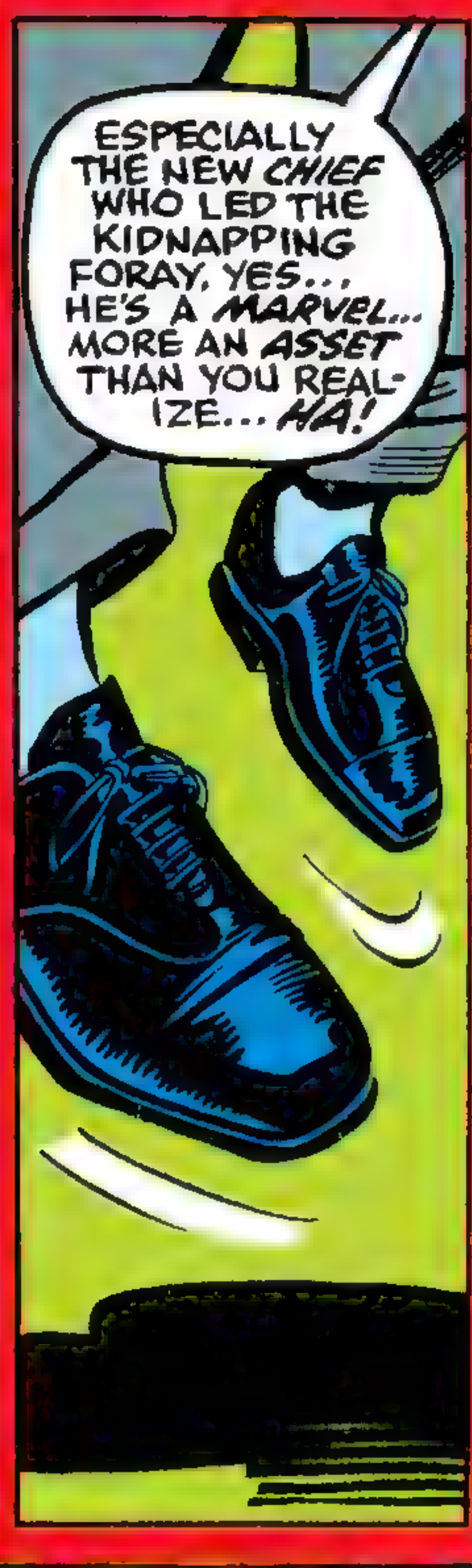
FOR THEY
ARE COMING,
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DESTROY
GENOSHA.

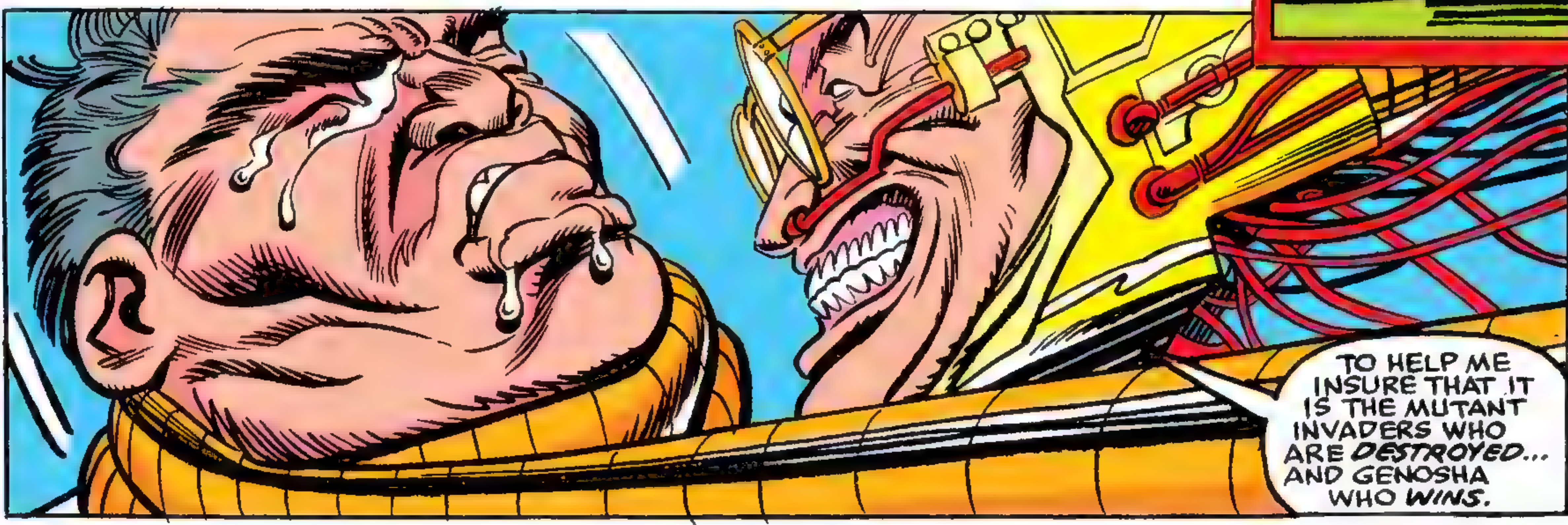


ONLY IF YOU
ALLOW THEM
TO, GENENGINEER!
FOR THE DIE IS
CAST. THERE'S
NOTHING YOU
CAN DO...
NOTHING!!

EXCEPT
TO CALL UPON
YOUR PRESS
GANG AND YOUR
MAGISTRATE
THUGS TO OP-
POSE THEM!



ESPECIALLY
THE NEW CHIEF
WHO LED THE
KIDNAPPING
FORAY, YES...
HE'S A MARVEL...
MORE AN ASSET
THAN YOU REAL-
IZE... HA!



TO HELP ME
INSURE THAT IT
IS THE MUTANT
INVADERS WHO
ARE DESTROYED...
AND GENOSHA
WHO WINS.

LATER, TWO VERTICAL TAKE-OFF CRAFT COME IN FAST AND CLOSE TO GROUND-LEVEL TO AVOID RADAR...

WE'RE HEEERE!

...WITH PASSENGERS WHO DISEMBARK ON A RUGGED AND DESERTED GENOSHAN COASTLINE...

THE COAST MAY BE UNDER SURVEILLANCE. WE'LL HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AS WE MARCH INLAND.

ARCHANGEL AND CANNONBALL, YOU FLY RECONNAISSANCE. SORRY, BANSHEE, YOUR SONIC SCREAM MIGHT ALERT THE ENEMY.

HOW FAR TO THEIR CITADEL, CYCLOPS?

ABOUT 40 MILES, AS THE CROW FLIES, BERTO, BUT OVERLAND...

...AND LUGGING THESE BOXES.

FORGE, I SUPPOSE THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO PACK THE KITCHEN SINK ALONG WITH THE OTHER EQUIPMENT!

DON'T LOOK AT ME, BEAST, IT WAS CYCLOPS'S IDEA. I JUST TINKERED TOGETHER A FEW GADGETS HE THOUGHT WE MIGHT NEED...

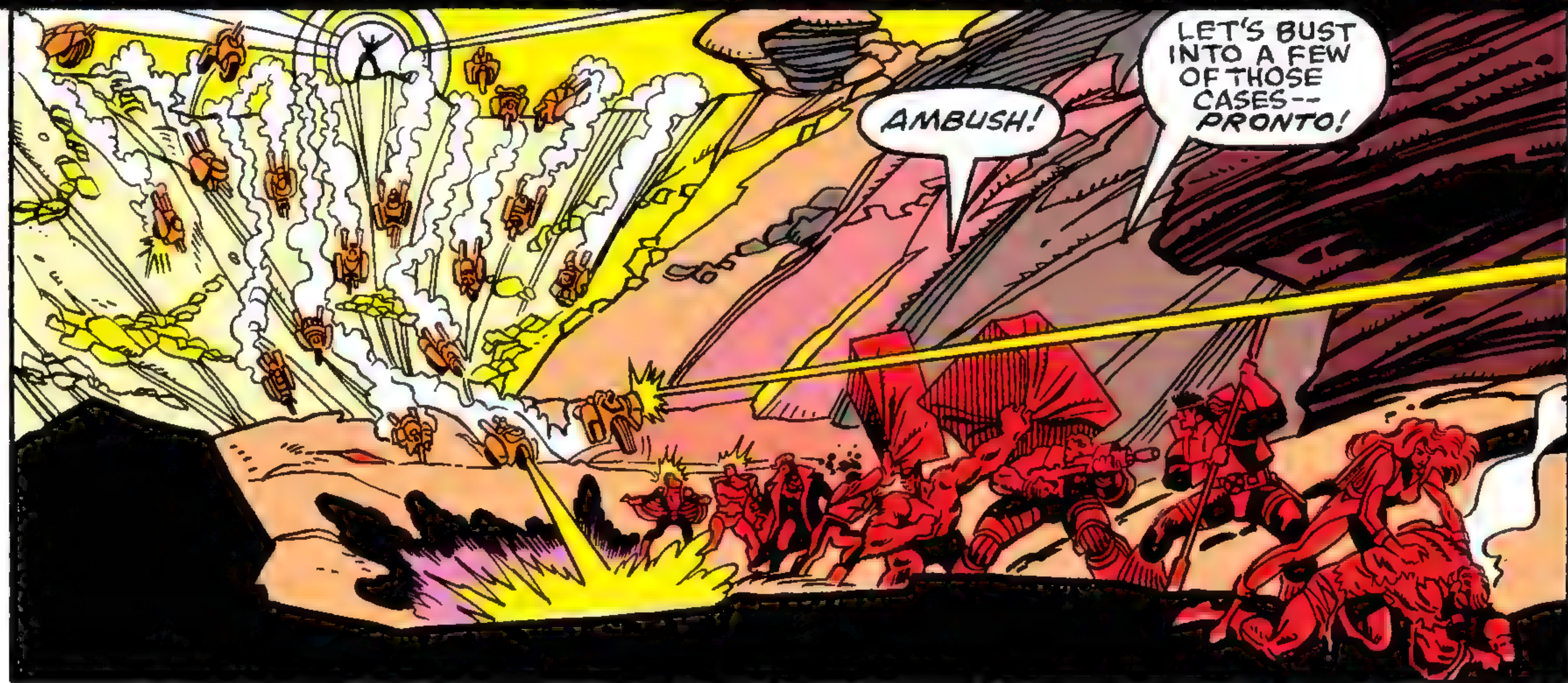
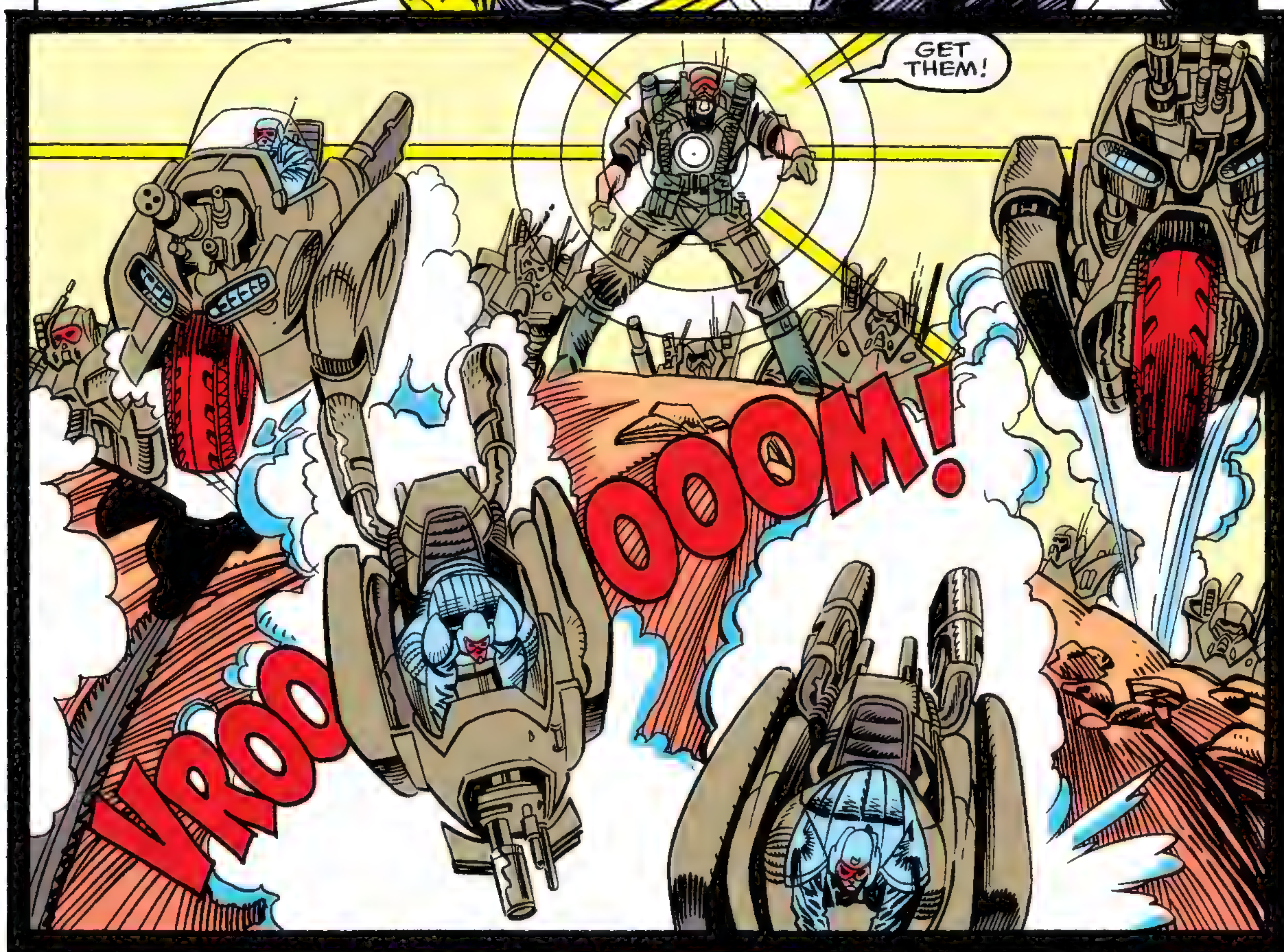
AND WHICH WE'LL DEPLOY AS SOON AS WE NEAR THE CITADEL.

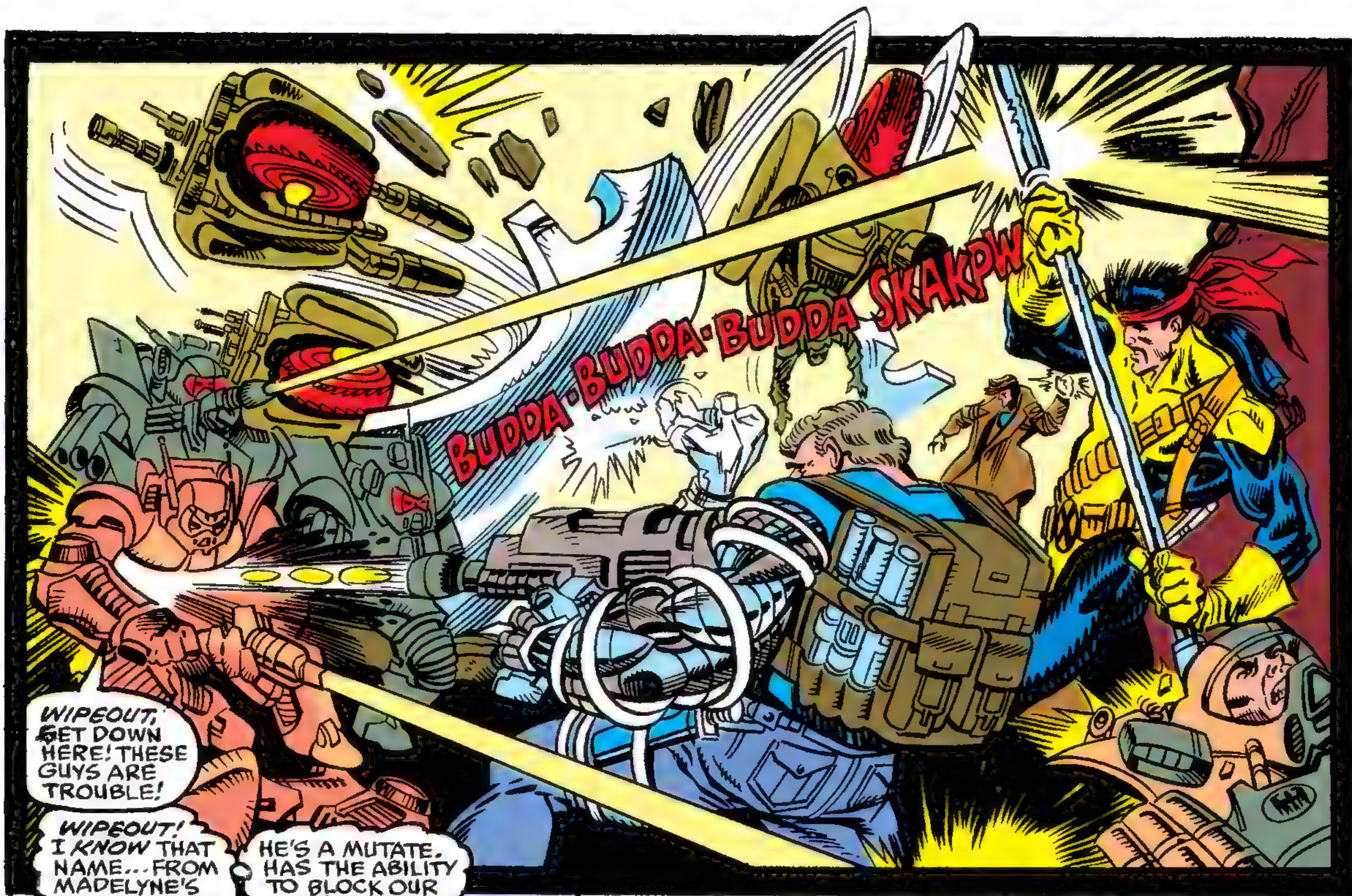
HEADS UP, FOLKS. WE'RE ENTERING A NATURAL AMPHITHEATER. IF THERE WAS EVER AN OBVIOUS PLACE FOR AN AMBUSH, THIS IS IT!

THERE, MASTER, THEY'RE HERE... JUST LIKE MUTATE 7875 TELLS YOU.

THE ENEMY COMES!

I SEE THEM. ALL RIGHT, TROOPS, WE'LL DO THIS BY THE BOOK...

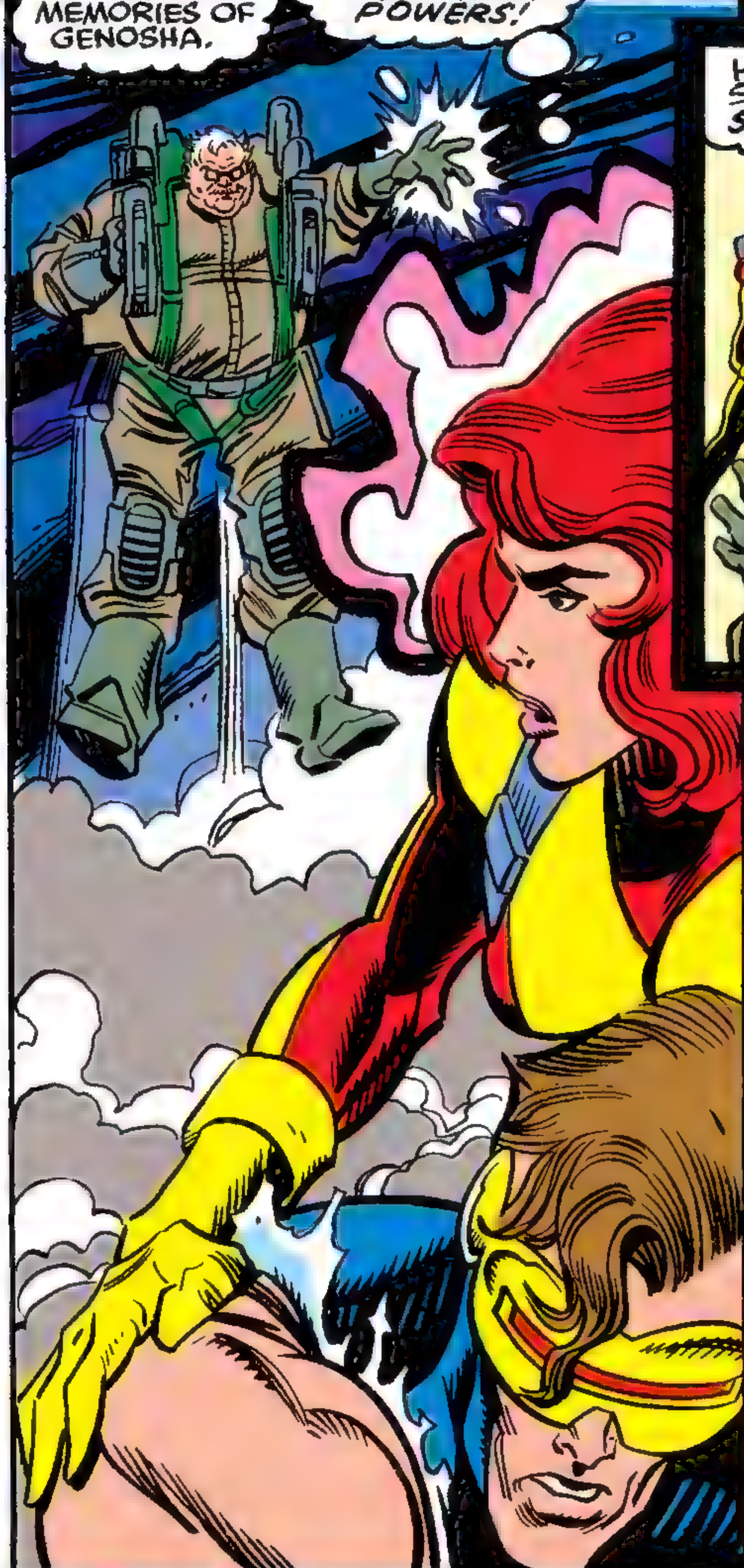




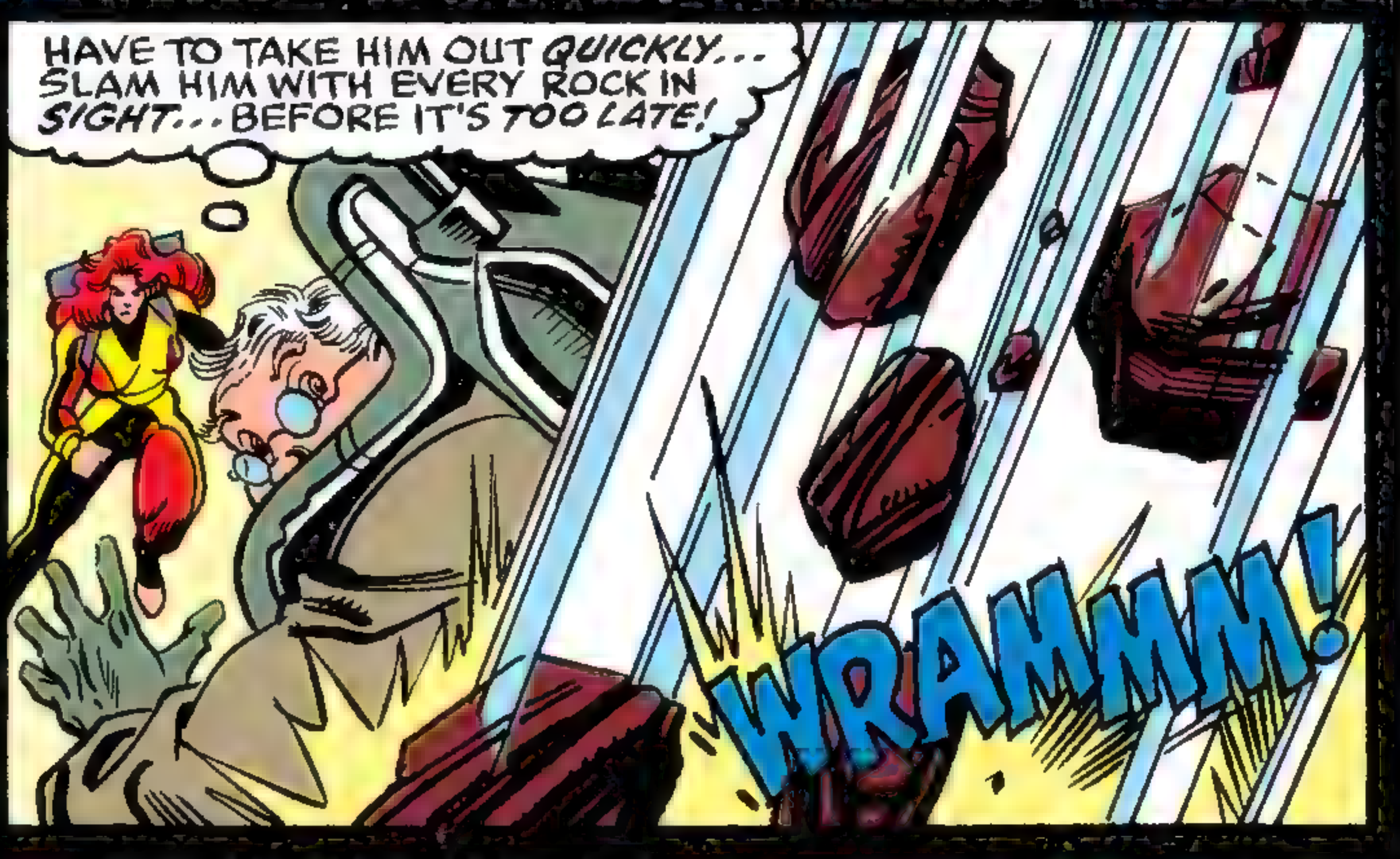
WIPEOUT,
GET DOWN
HERE! THESE
GUYS ARE
TROUBLE!

WIPEOUT!
I KNOW THAT
NAME... FROM
MADELYNE'S
MEMORIES OF
GENOSHA.

HE'S A MUTATE.
HAS THE ABILITY
TO BLOCK OUR
POWERS!



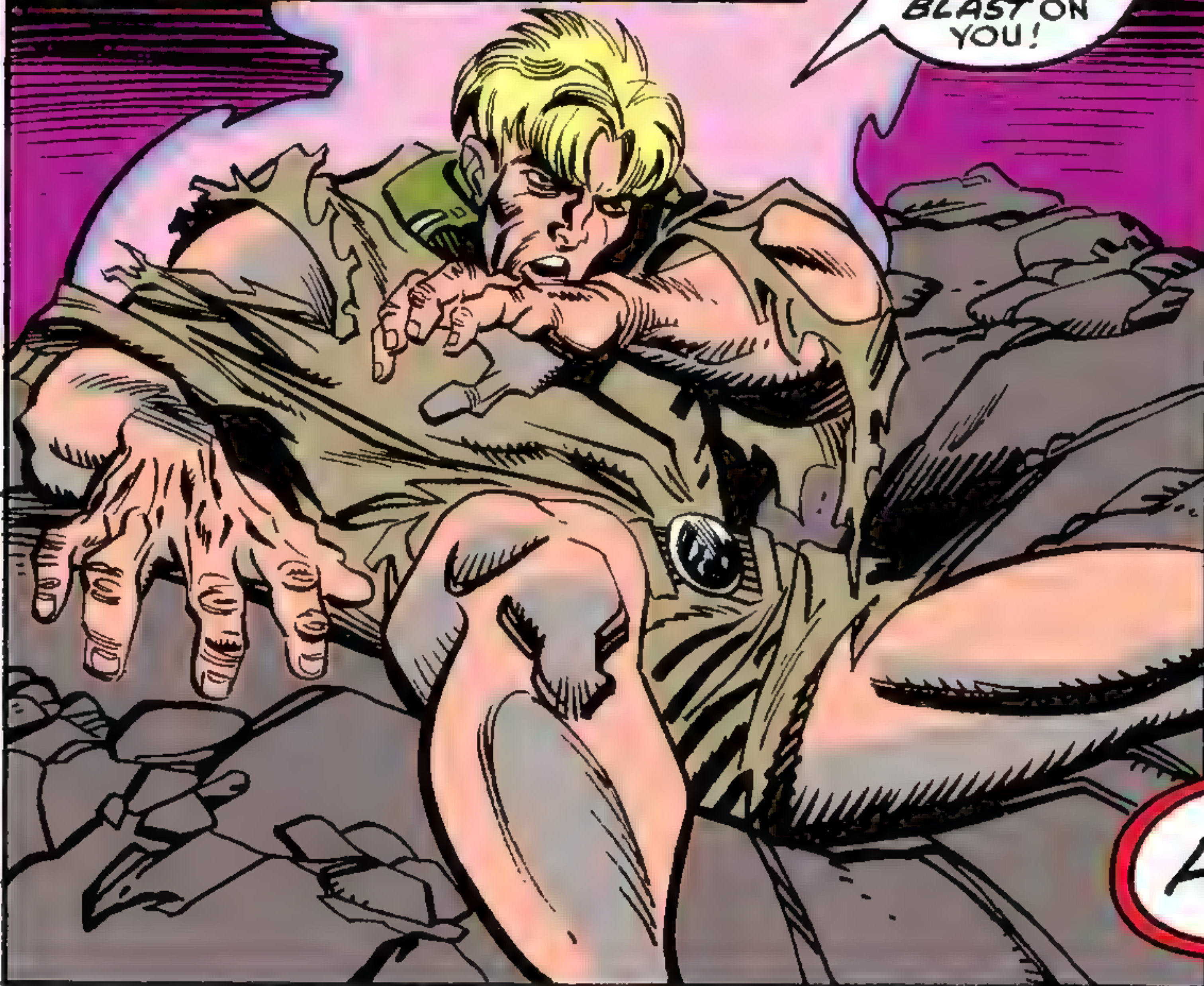
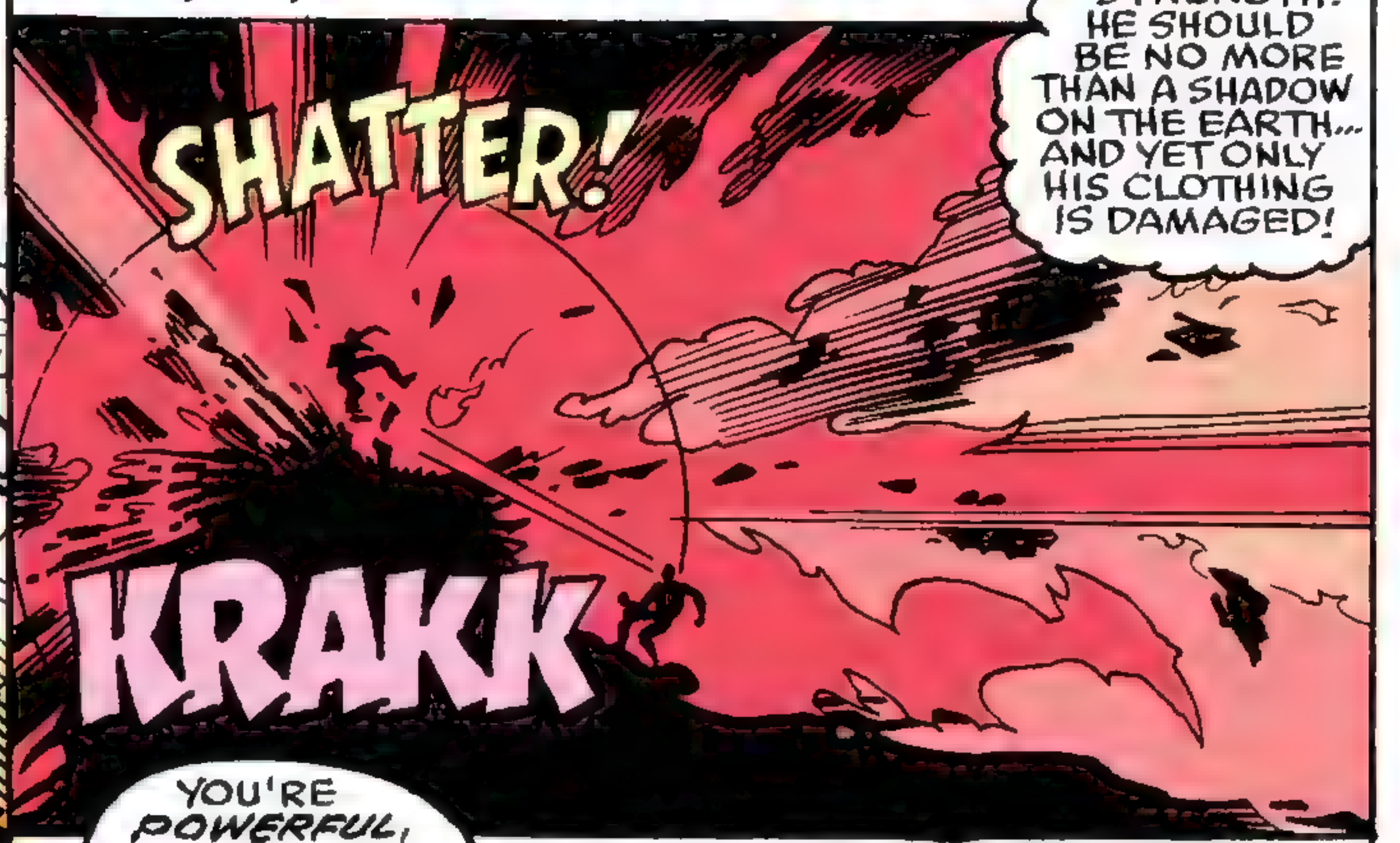
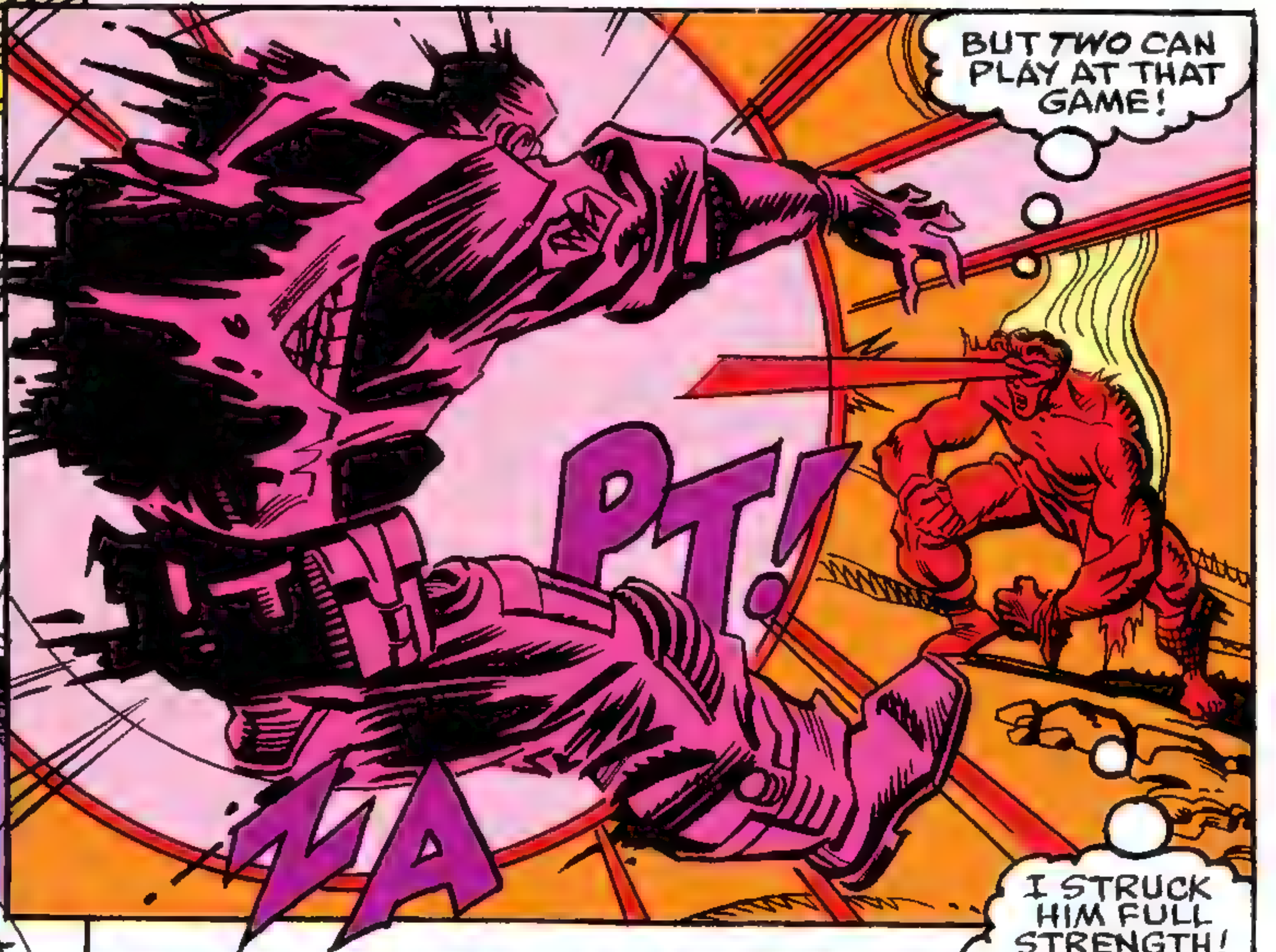
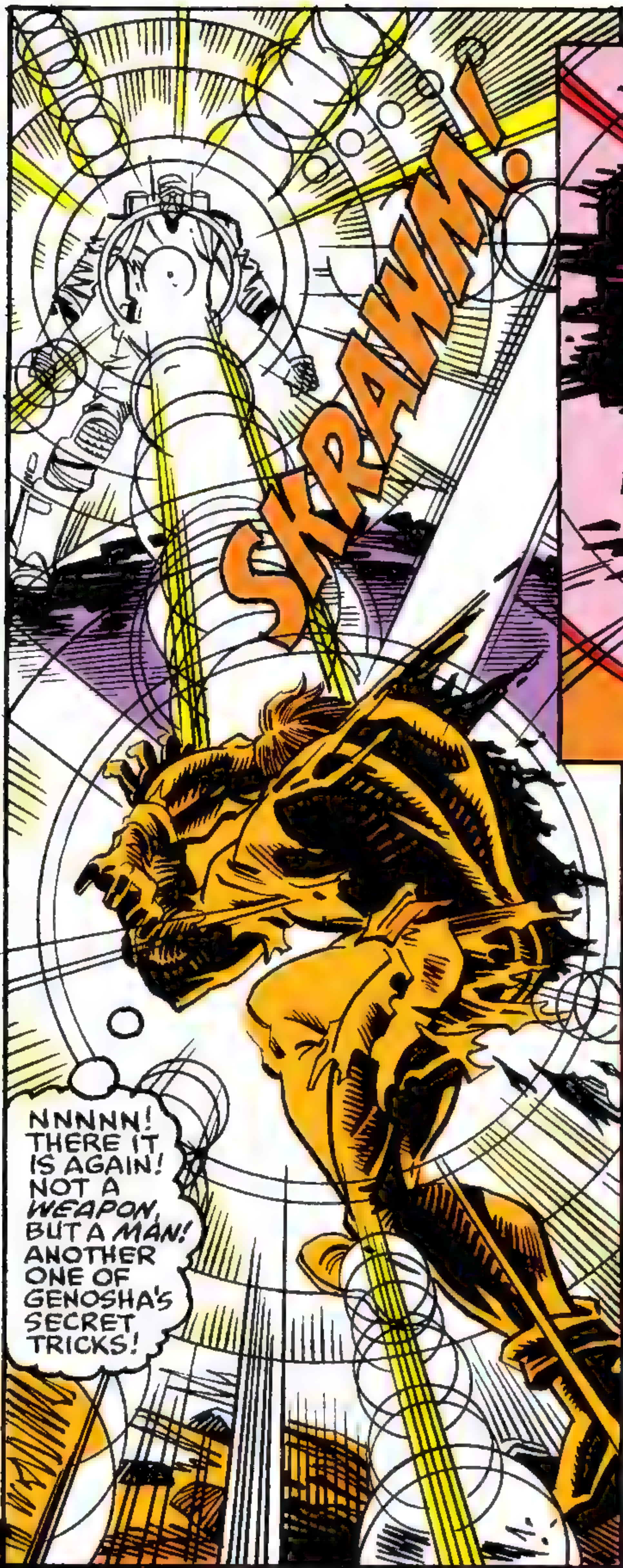
HAVE TO TAKE HIM OUT QUICKLY...
SLAM HIM WITH EVERY ROCK IN
SIGHT... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



SOMETHING FELLED ME...
INCINERATED HALF MY
CLOTHING.



WHAT WEAPON COULD HAVE
DONE SOMETHING LIKE
THAT? AND WHY AM I
STILL ALIVE?



BUT CYCLOPS'S NEXT
REMARK IS SWALLOWED
IN THE SOUNDS OF
BATTLE...

...AS THE VASTLY
OVERWHELMED
MUTANTS FIGHT
BOTH MAGISTRATE
SHOCK TROOPS
AND MEMBERS OF
THE PRESS GANG...

DIG IT,
GENE-
JOKES!

WE'RE GONNA PUNCH
YOUR LIGHTS OUT NOW--
REAL NOW!

WHAT IS IT
WITH THESE
JERKS?

HUBRIS.
PLAIN AND
SIMPLE...

...PRIDE.

KPOW!

YEAH? OR MAYBE JUST IGNORANCE. SOMETHING
TELLS ME THEY HAVEN'T A CLUE WHAT
THEY'RE UP AGAINST!

AT ANY RATE, WE JUST
WIPED THE CONCEIT OFF
BOTH THEIR SILLY FACES!

WAKKI!

MEANWHILE, ONE CORNER OF THE BATTLEFIELD IS A MAELSTROM OF EXPLODING ENERGY...

LISTEN TO ME, ALEX! I'M SCOTT! I'M YOUR BROTHER!

MY BROTHER -- A MUTANT TERRORIST!? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

AND YOU'RE FIGHTING ON THE SIDE OF FASCISTS...

...WHO ARE THE ANTITHESIS OF ALL WE STAND FOR!

WHAK!

WHY, ALEX... WHY?!

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE? WHY WON'T YOU REMEMBER?

I KNOW WHO I AM! I'M A MAGISTRATE... A GENOSHAN! YOU'RE GENOSHA'S ENEMY...

...AND THAT MAKES YOU MY ENEMY, TOO!

YOU ALWAYS WERE TOO STUBBORN FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

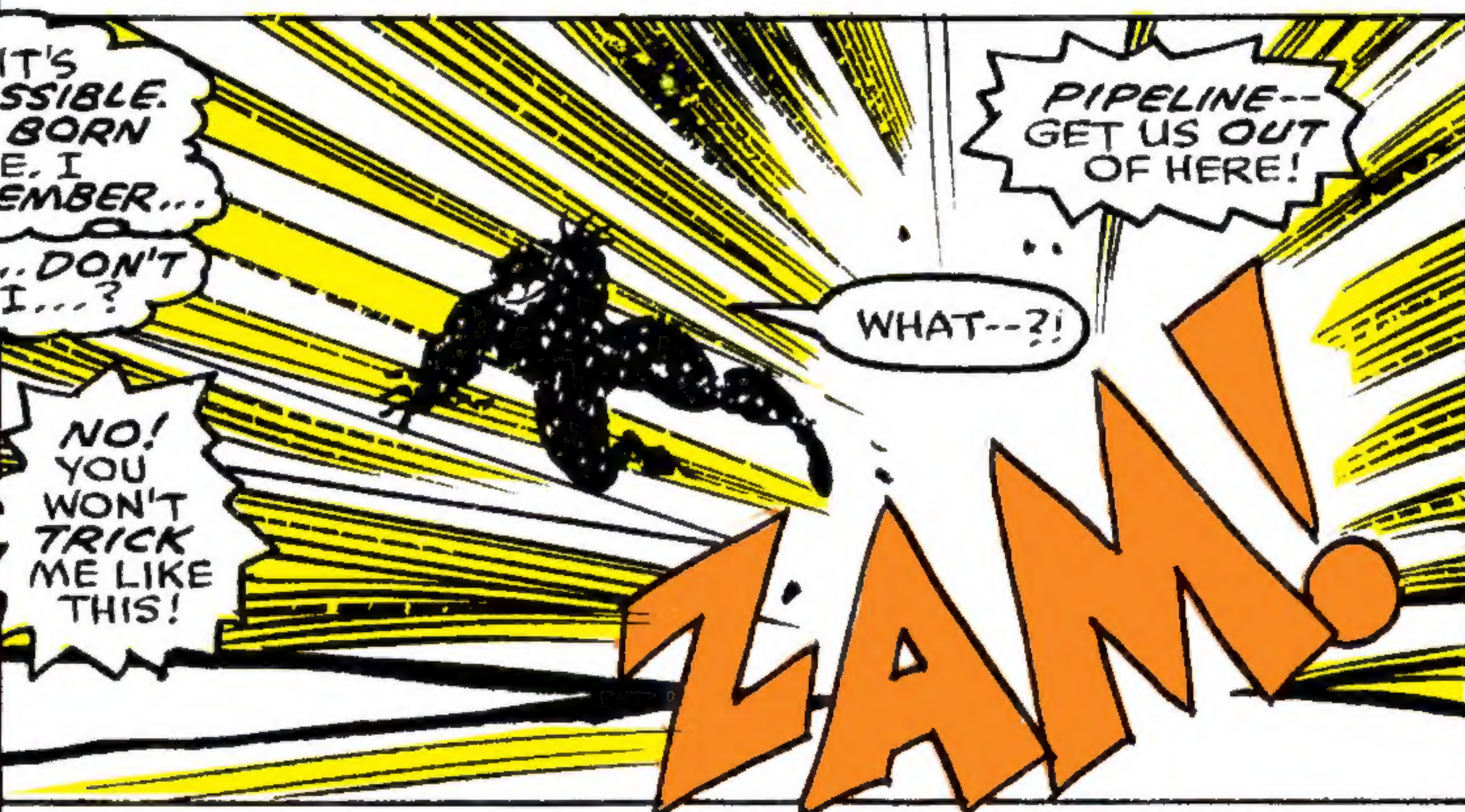
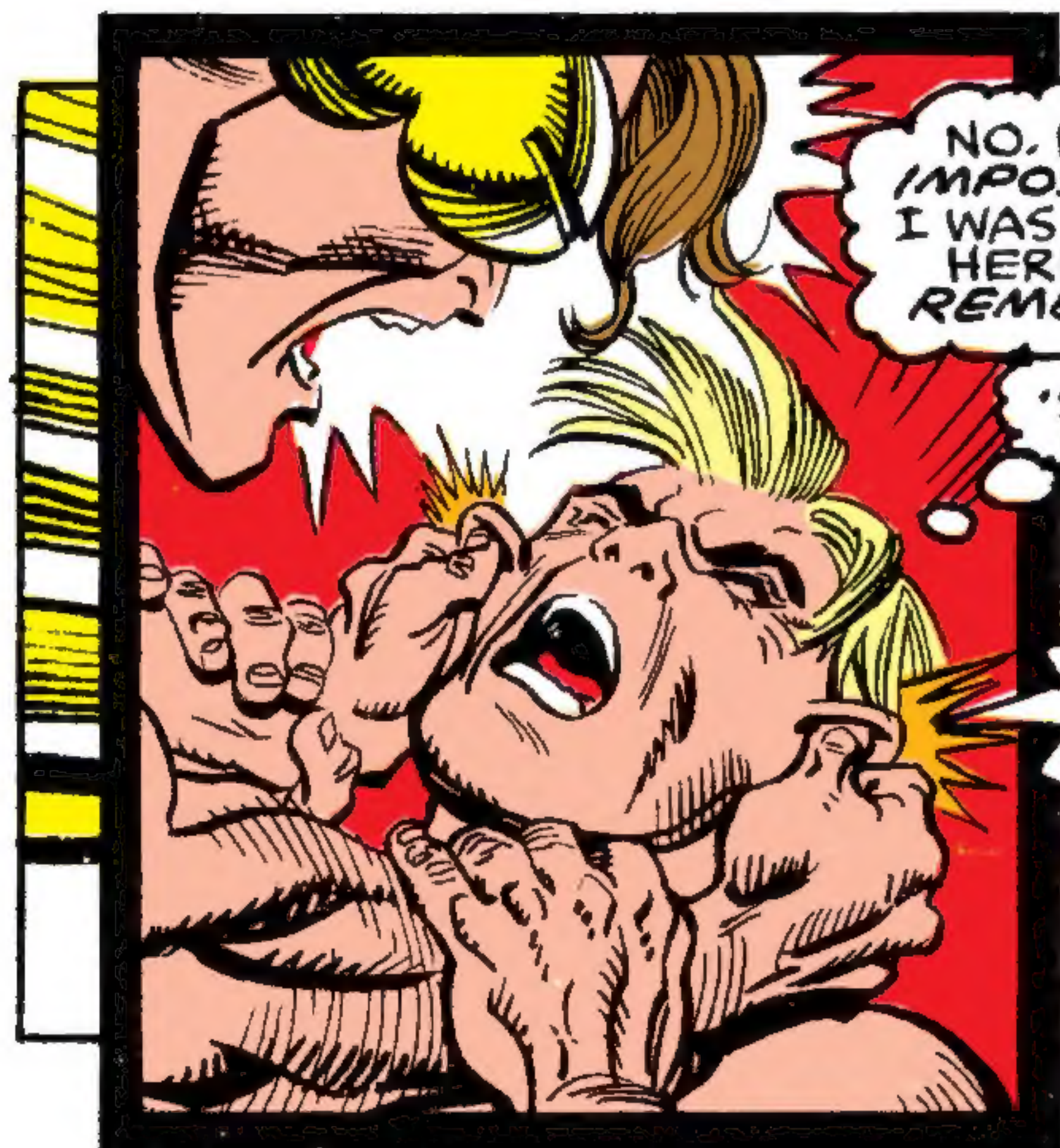
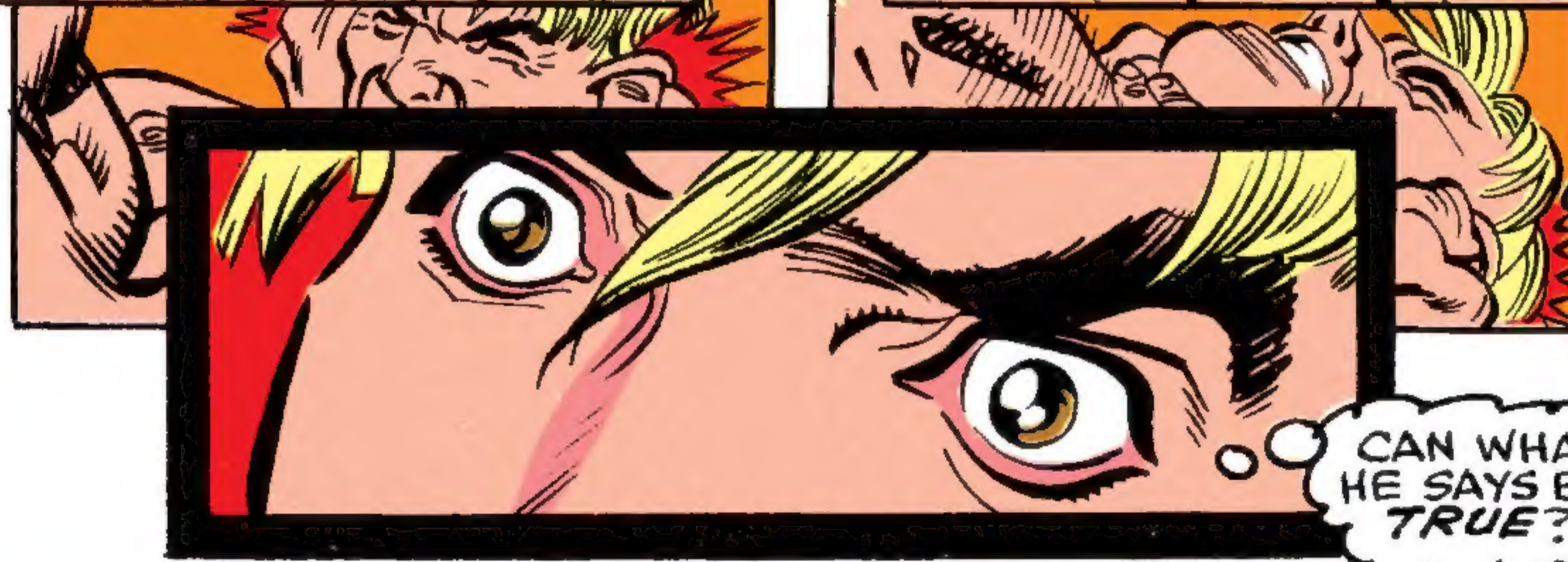
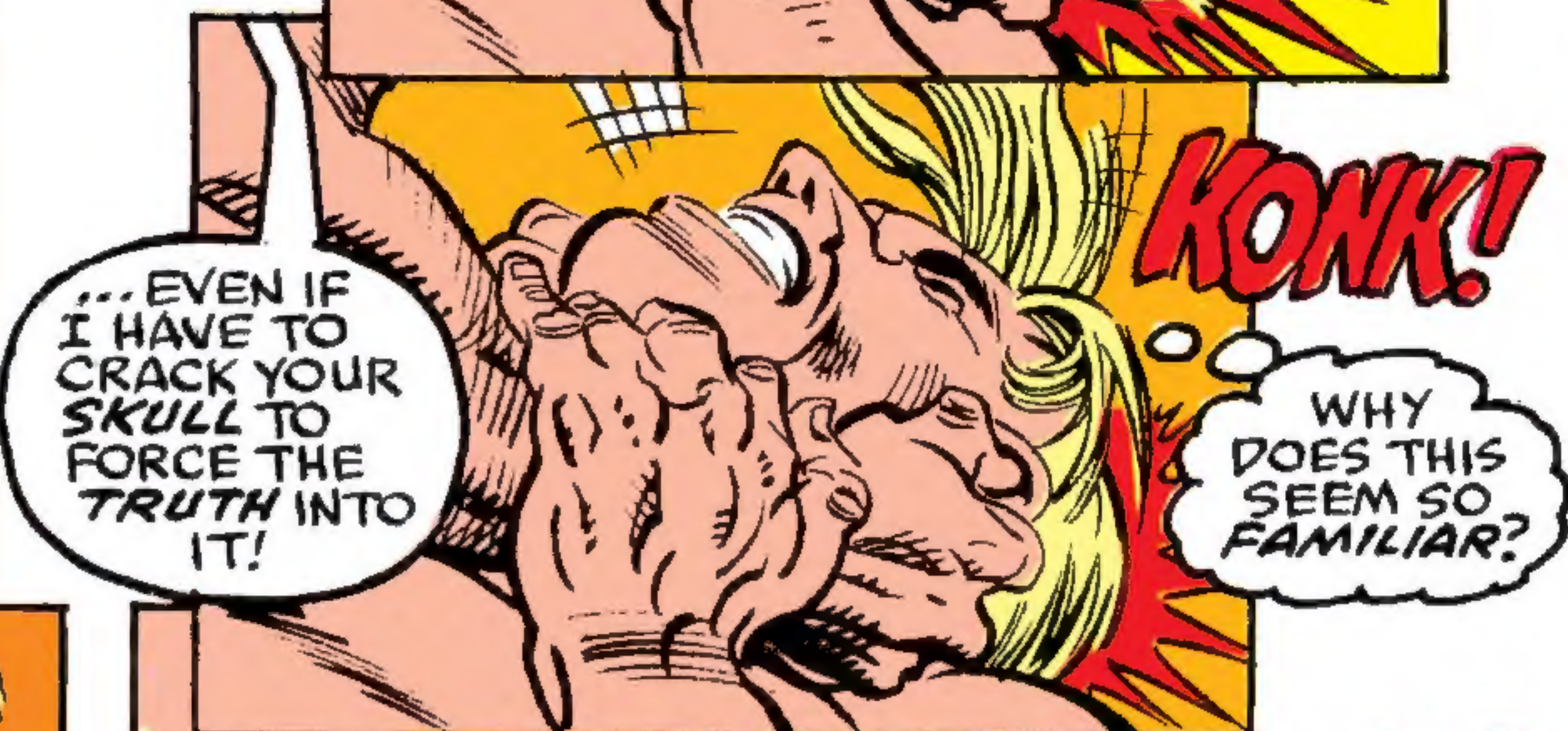
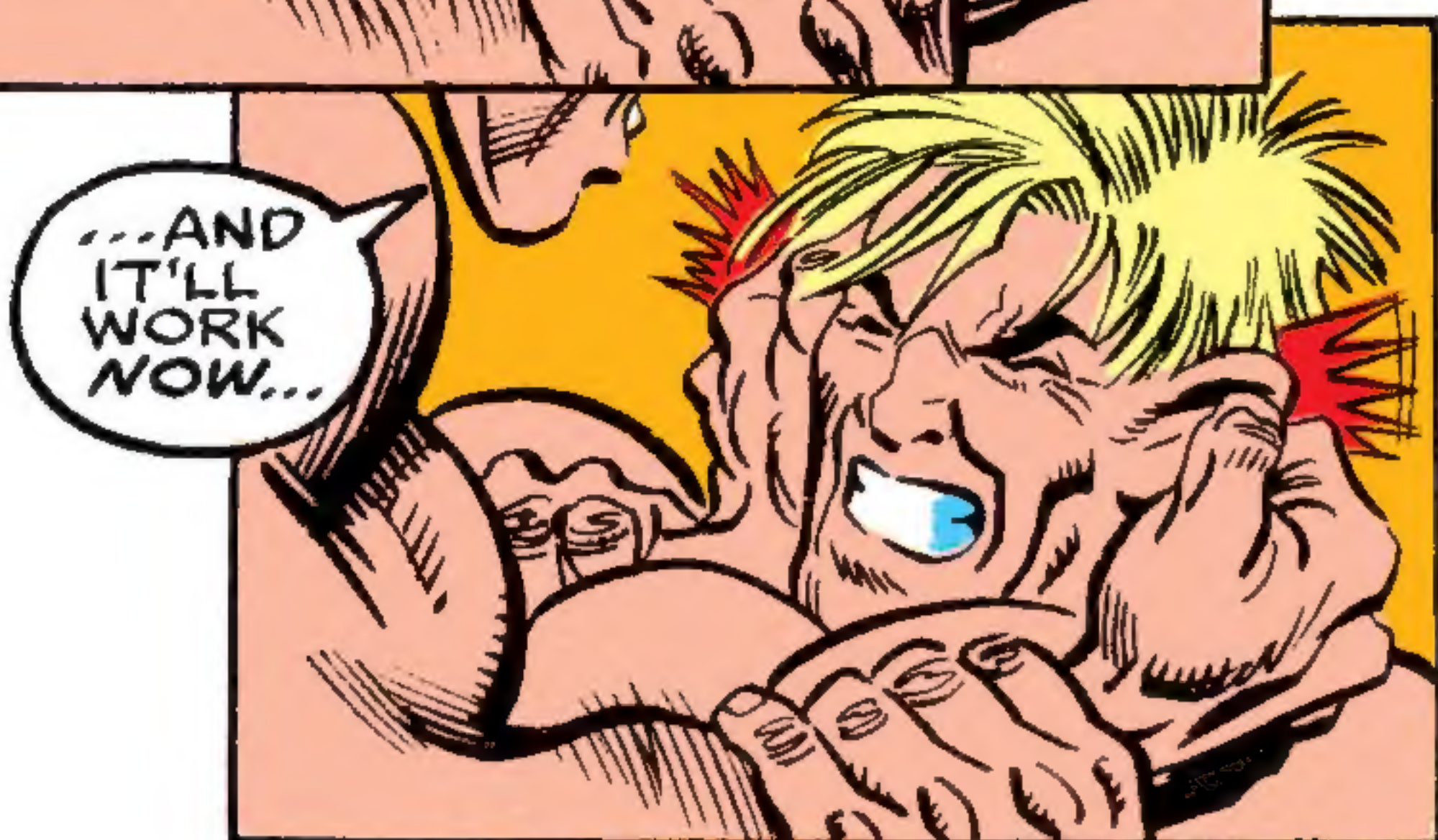
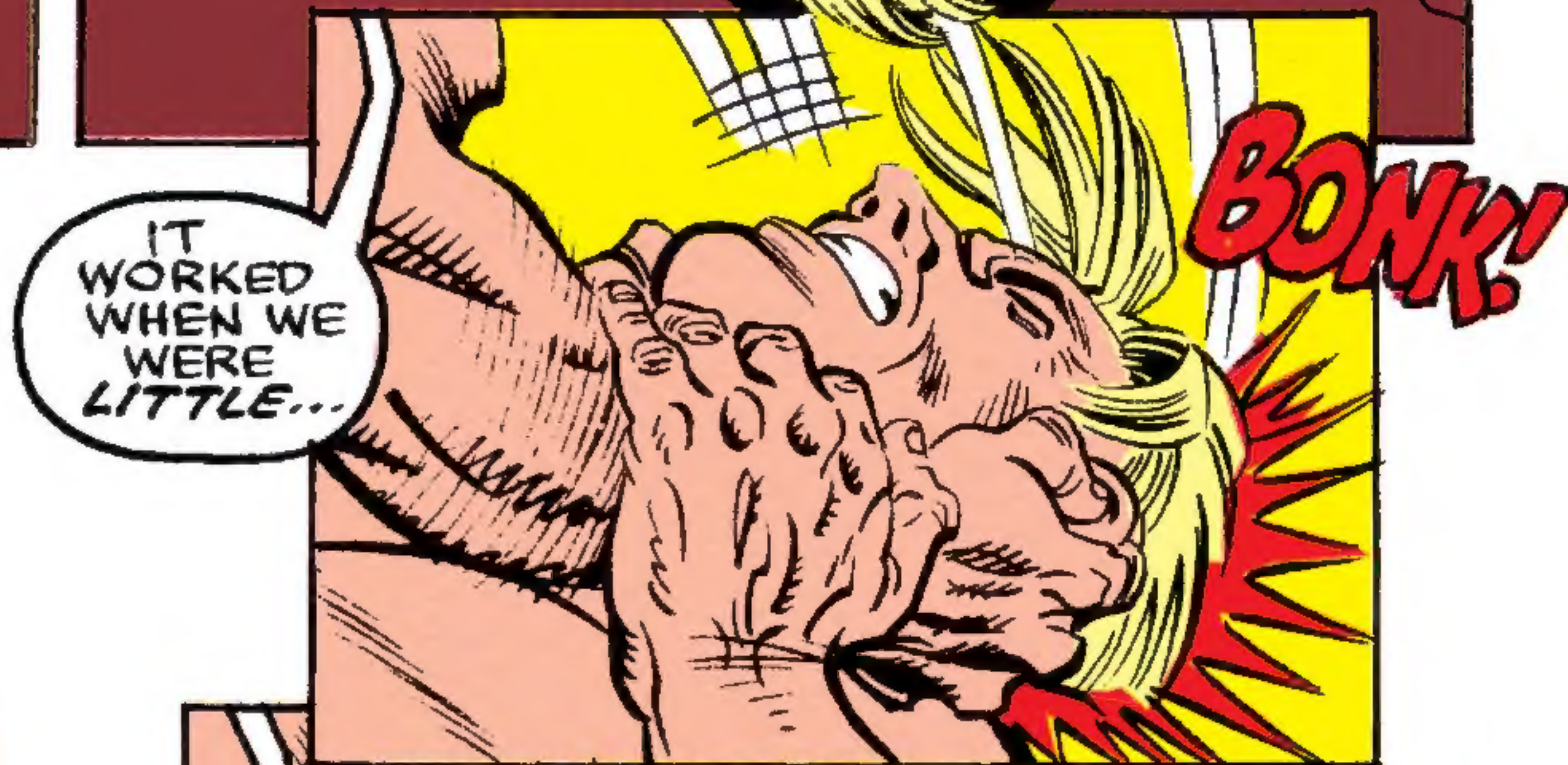
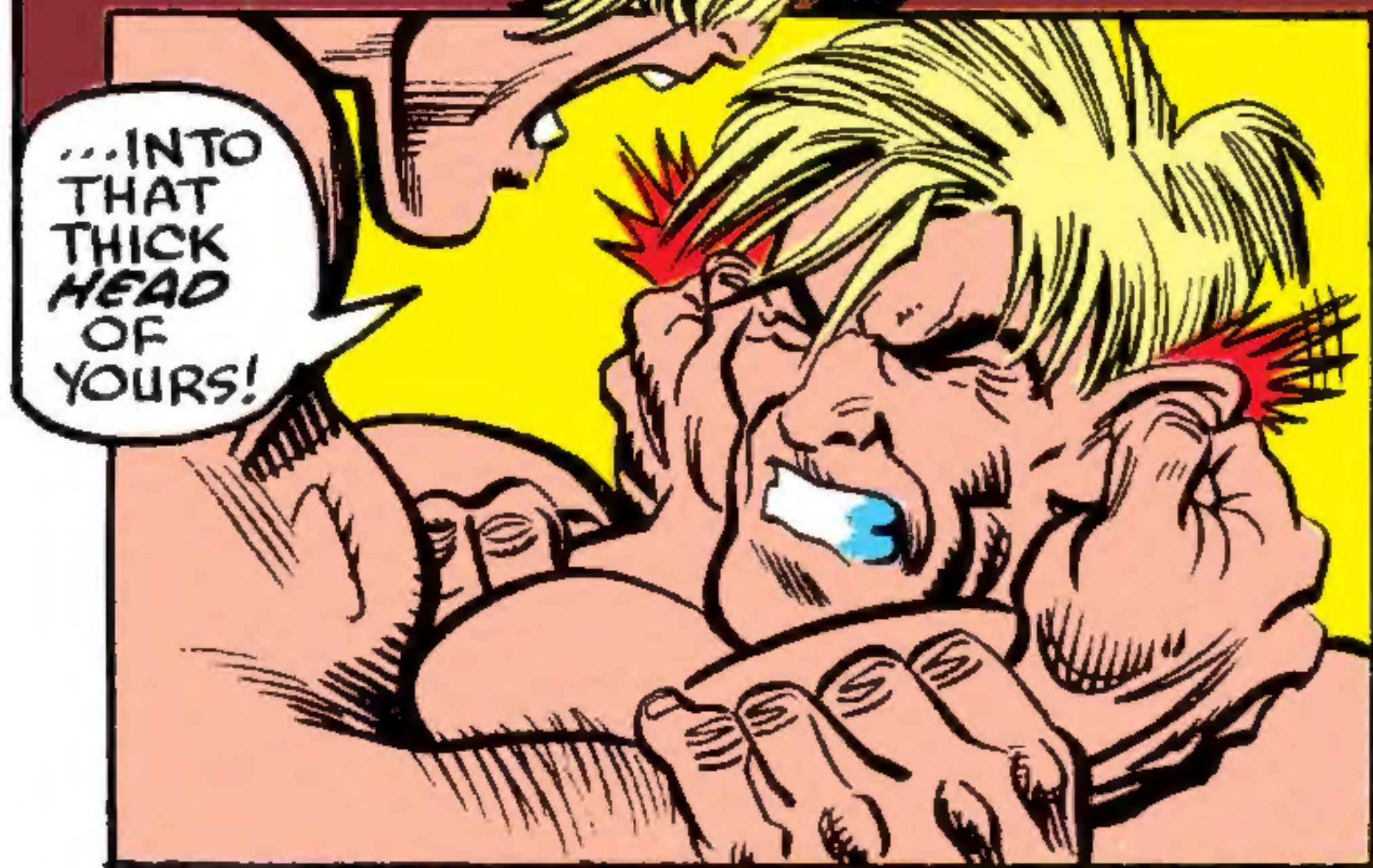
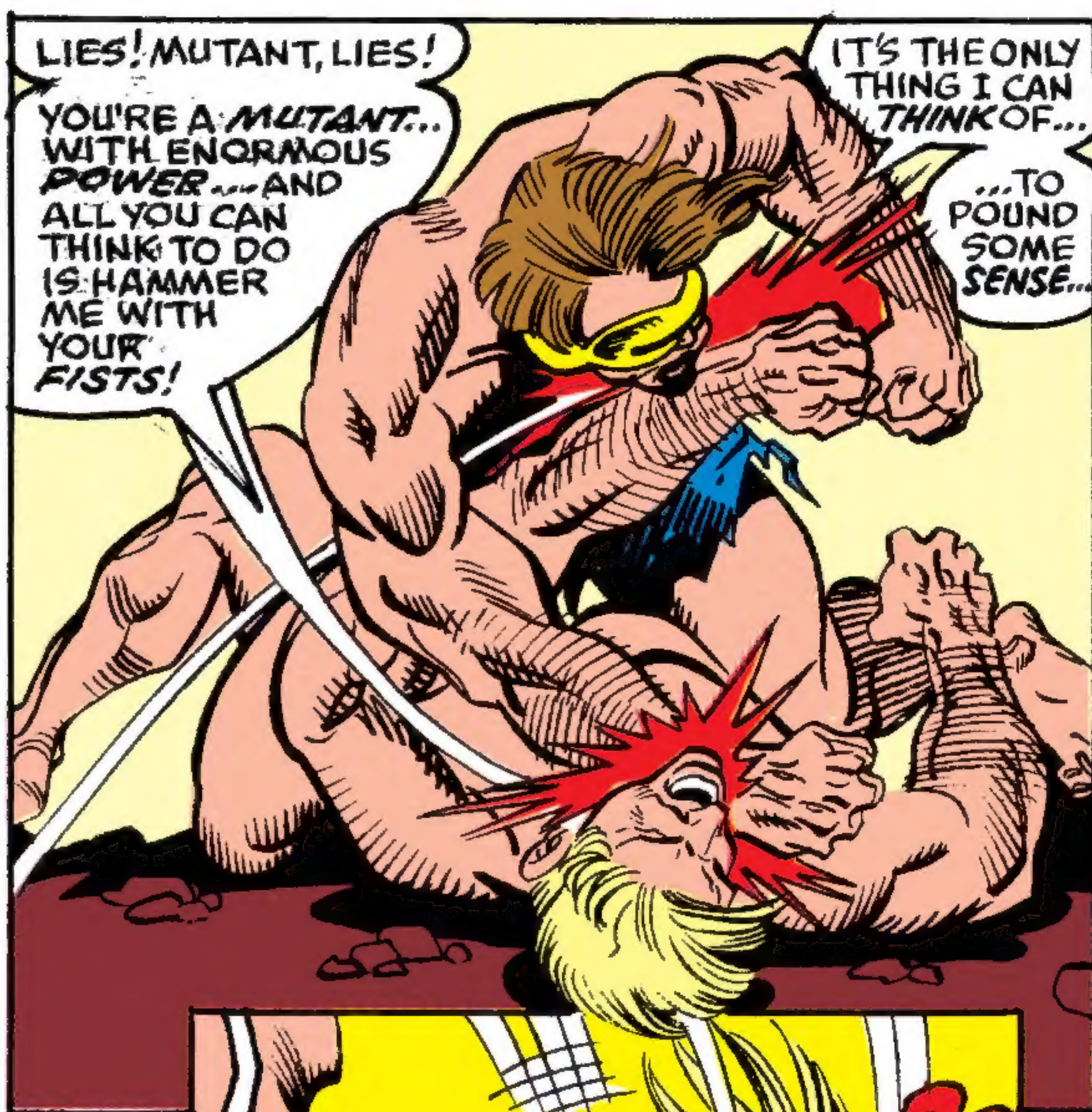
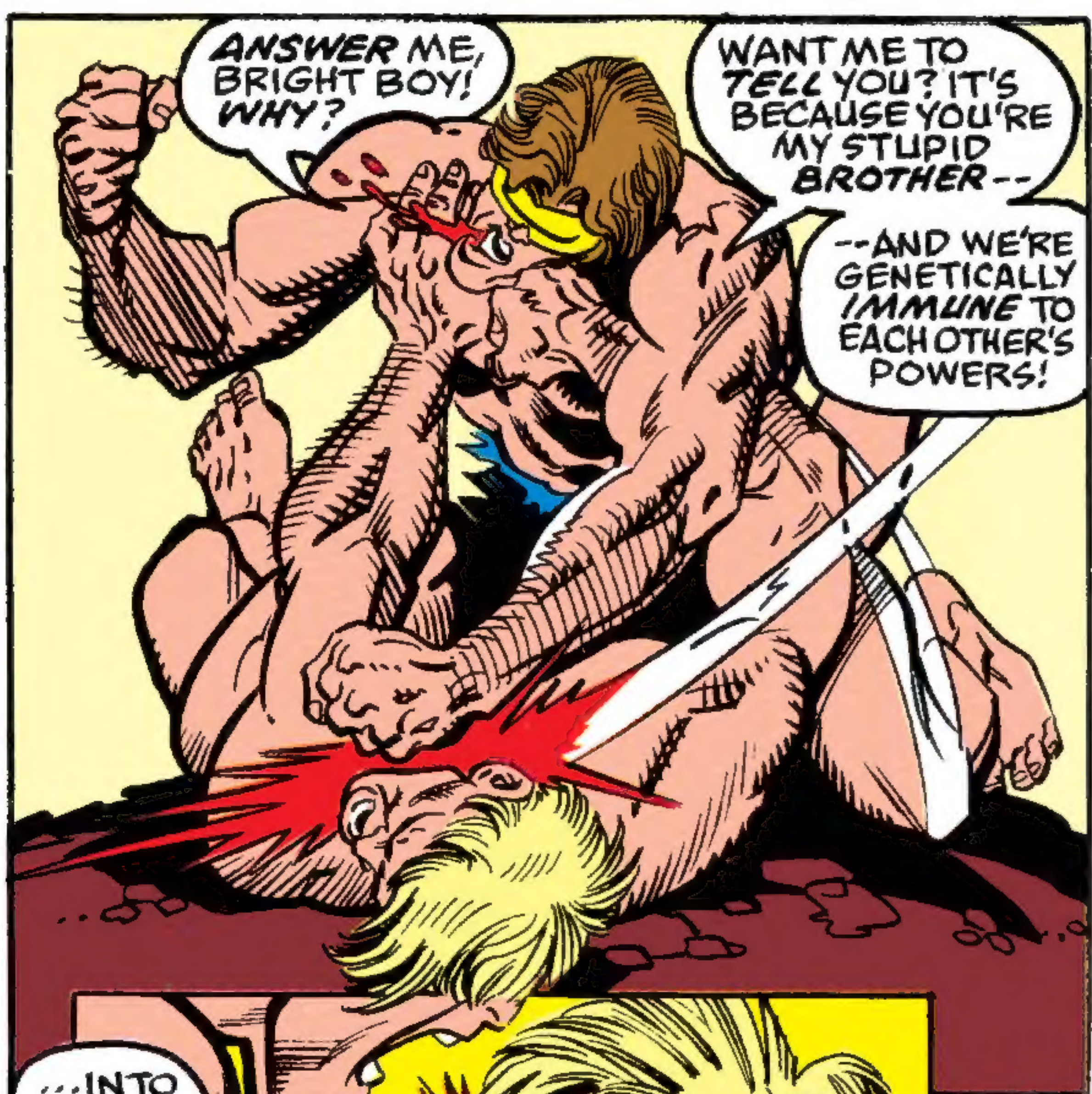
LISTEN TO ME, BUTT-HEAD! TRY TO THINK!

YOUR PLASMA BLASTS DON'T HURT ME...

...AND MY OPTIC BLASTS DON'T HURT YOU!

WE JUST MAKE EACH OTHER STRONGER!

WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?



MEANWHILE, IN THE DEPTHS OF A GENOSHAN PRISON CELL, THE CAPTIVE RAHNE SINCLAIRE PONDERES HER DISMAL FATE...

WARLOCK SACRIFICED HIS FREEDOM TO HELP US ALL ESCAPE. SEEMED ONLY RIGHT THAT I, IN TURN, HELP HIM.

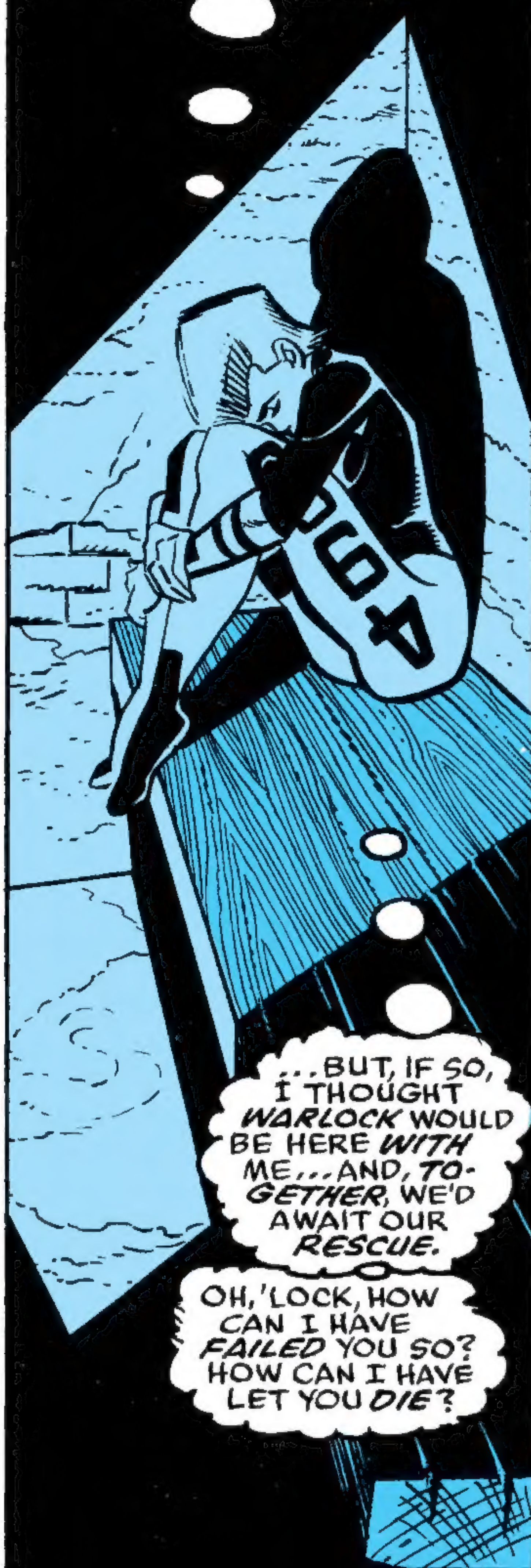
'TIS TRUE I NO LONGER HAD MY POWERS, AN' I KNEW THAT I'D LIKELY END UP IN A PRISON CELL AGAIN...



I ONLY HOPE THE OTHERS DO ESCAPE... AND BRING HELP SOON...

...FOR HODGE HAS THREATENED ME WITH SUCH VENGEANCE, I FEAR I WILL NA' HAVE STRENGTH TA BEAR IT...!

AND ELSEWHERE IN THE CITADEL BOOM-BOOM MAKES HER ESCAPE...



...BUT, IF SO, I THOUGHT WARLOCK WOULD BE HERE WITH ME... AND, TOGETHER, WE'D AWAIT OUR RESCUE.

OH, 'LOCK, HOW CAN I HAVE FAILED YOU SO? HOW CAN I HAVE LET YOU DIE?



THE MOVIES, LIKE, ALWAYS MAKE AIR DUCT TRAVEL LOOK LIKE A PICNIC...! SOME PICNIC!

AN' THESE VERTICAL SHAFTS ARE THE WORST!

MAN, I'D GIVE ANYTHING FOR MY POWER BACK.



FOR ONE AWESOME LITTLE TIME BOMB THAT WOULD BLOW HODGE TO KINGDOM COME.

BAM!

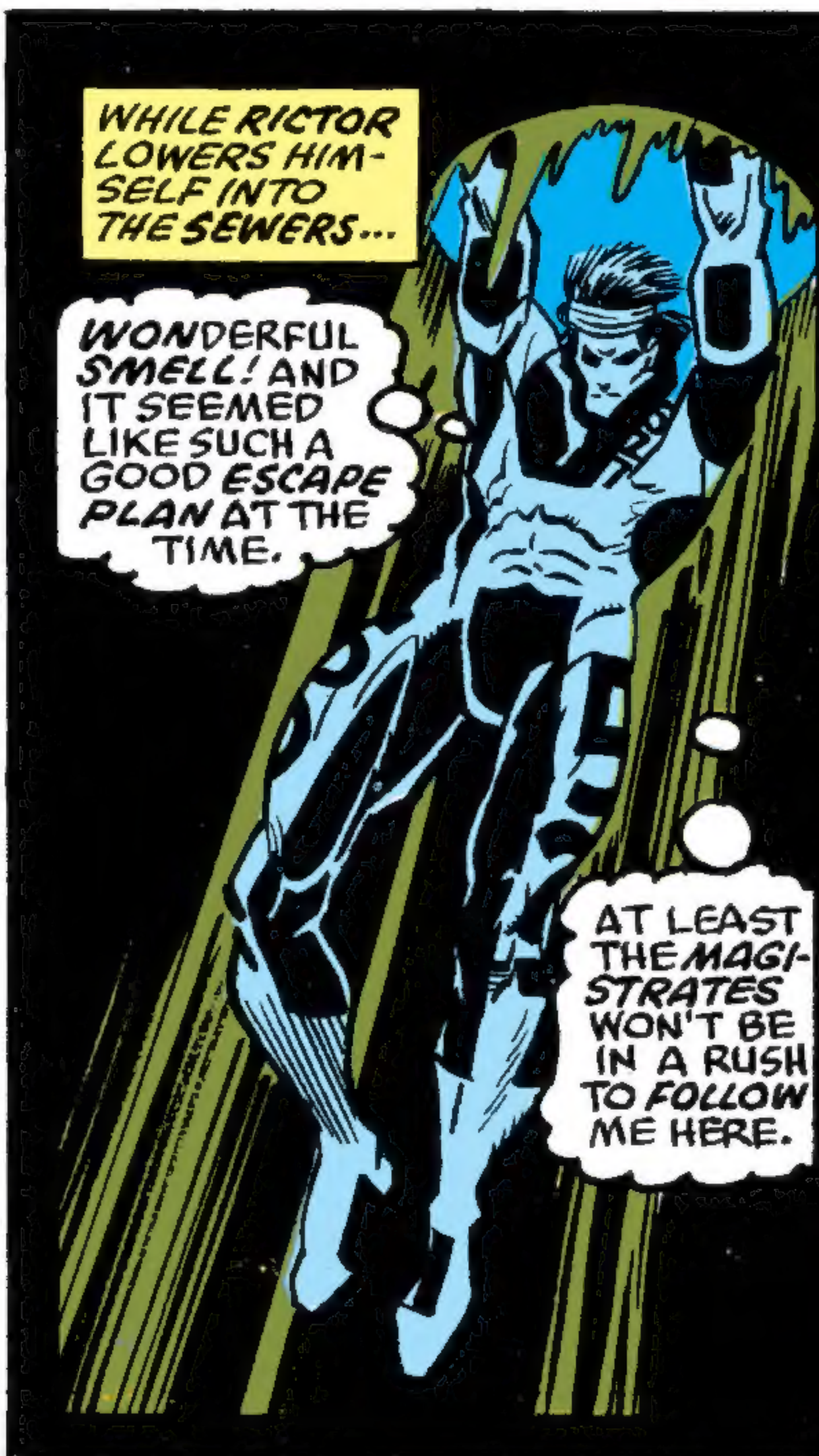
WONDER HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING? BET I'LL REACH THE EMBASSY BEFORE STORM DOES.

HEY! HOW'D IT GET SO LATE? WHAT IF THE EMBASSY'S CLOSED?! AND I DON'T HAVE ANY GENOSHAN MONEY!

TOUGH! I GUESS X-FACTOR WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT A COLLECT PHONE CALL.

WHILE RICTOR LOWERS HIMSELF INTO THE SEWERS...

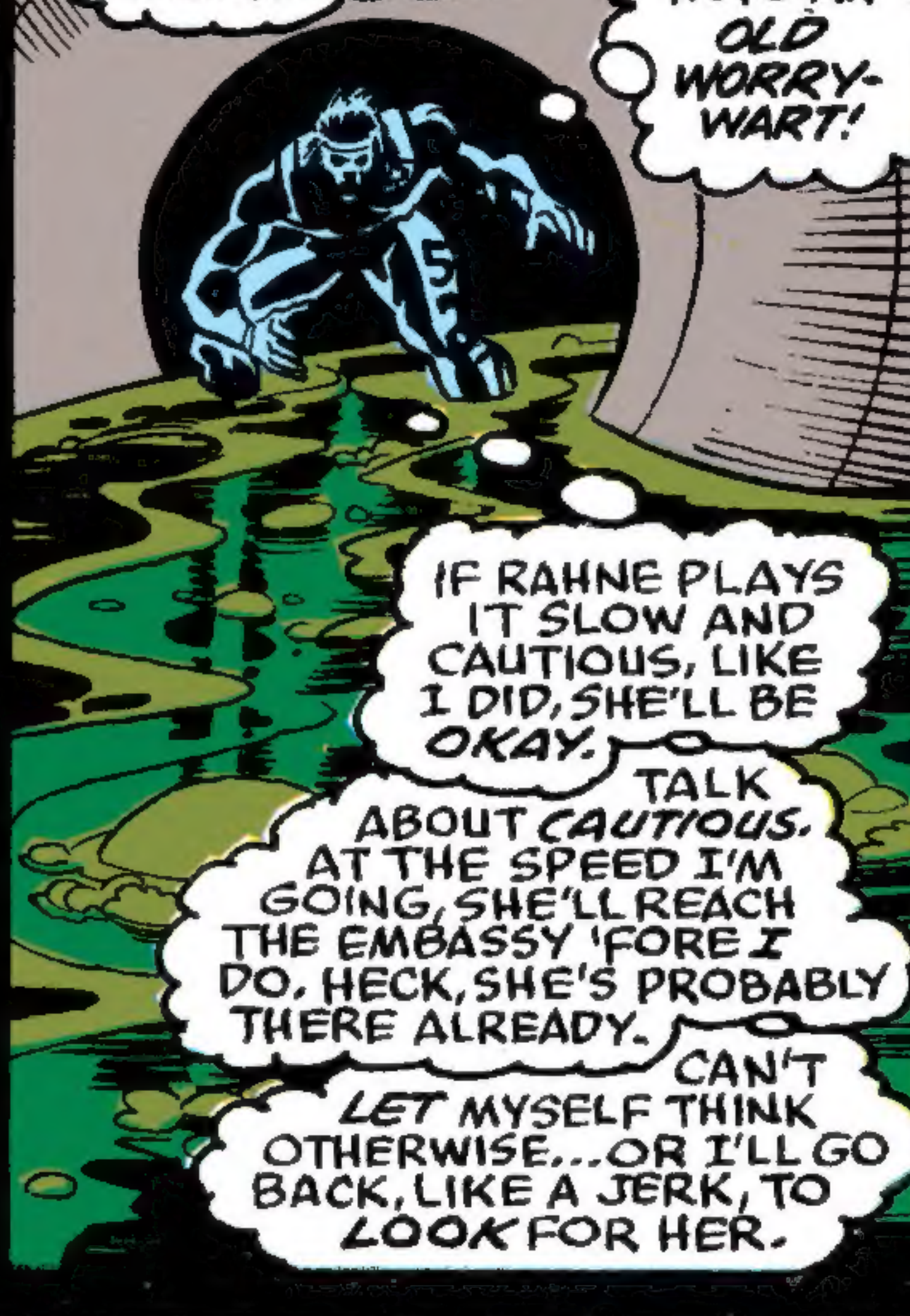
WONDERFUL SMELL! AND IT SEEMED LIKE SUCH A GOOD ESCAPE PLAN AT THE TIME.



AT LEAST THE MAGISTRATES WON'T BE IN A RUSH TO FOLLOW ME HERE.

JUST AS WELL I LET RAHNE TALK ME INTO SPLITTING UP. I'D HATE TO HAVE HER WADING THROUGH THIS MUCK.

JUST WISH I COULD STOP WORRYING. MAN, I'M TURNING INTO AN OLD WORRY-WART!



IF RAHNE PLAYS IT SLOW AND CAUTIOUS, LIKE I DID, SHE'LL BE OKAY.

TALK ABOUT CAUTIOUS. AT THE SPEED I'M GOING, SHE'LL REACH THE EMBASSY 'FORE I DO. HECK, SHE'S PROBABLY THERE ALREADY.

CAN'T LET MYSELF THINK OTHERWISE... OR I'LL GO BACK, LIKE A JERK, TO LOOK FOR HER.

WHILE, ELSEWHERE, STORM OF THE X-MEN, PLANS TO AVAIL HERSELF OF A TIME HONORED IF UNDRAMATIC, MEANS OF ESCAPE...

BEING IN THIS CHILD-BODY IS BAD ENOUGH... BUT BEING DEPRIVED OF MY POWER IS INTOLERABLE.

BOOM-BOOM BLAMES ME, IN PART, FOR OUR CAPTIVITY. AND, IN TRUTH, I PARTLY BLAME MYSELF.

ALIEN-MUTANT KILLED. TURNED TO DUST BY COMMANDER.

AND WOLF-GIRL-MUTANT CAPTURED. BOSS COMMANDER HODGE ANGRY!

OTHERS STILL FREE, THOUGH, SCRABBLING LIKE MICE THROUGH WALLS OF CITADEL.

WARLOCK... DEAD...? AND RAHNE IS HODGE'S PRISONER. THE OTHERS ARE STILL FREE... BUT FOR HOW LONG.

I CANNOT ESCAPE. I MUST DO SOMETHING MORE TO INSURE THEIR SAFETY. TO PROVIDE US WITH AN ACE IN THE HOLE.

AND I KNOW JUST WHO OUR HOSTAGE SHOULD BE!

GENO-SHEEN
CUSTOM
LAUNDRY
SERVICE

WHILE ON A BATTLEFIELD FORTY MILES AWAY...

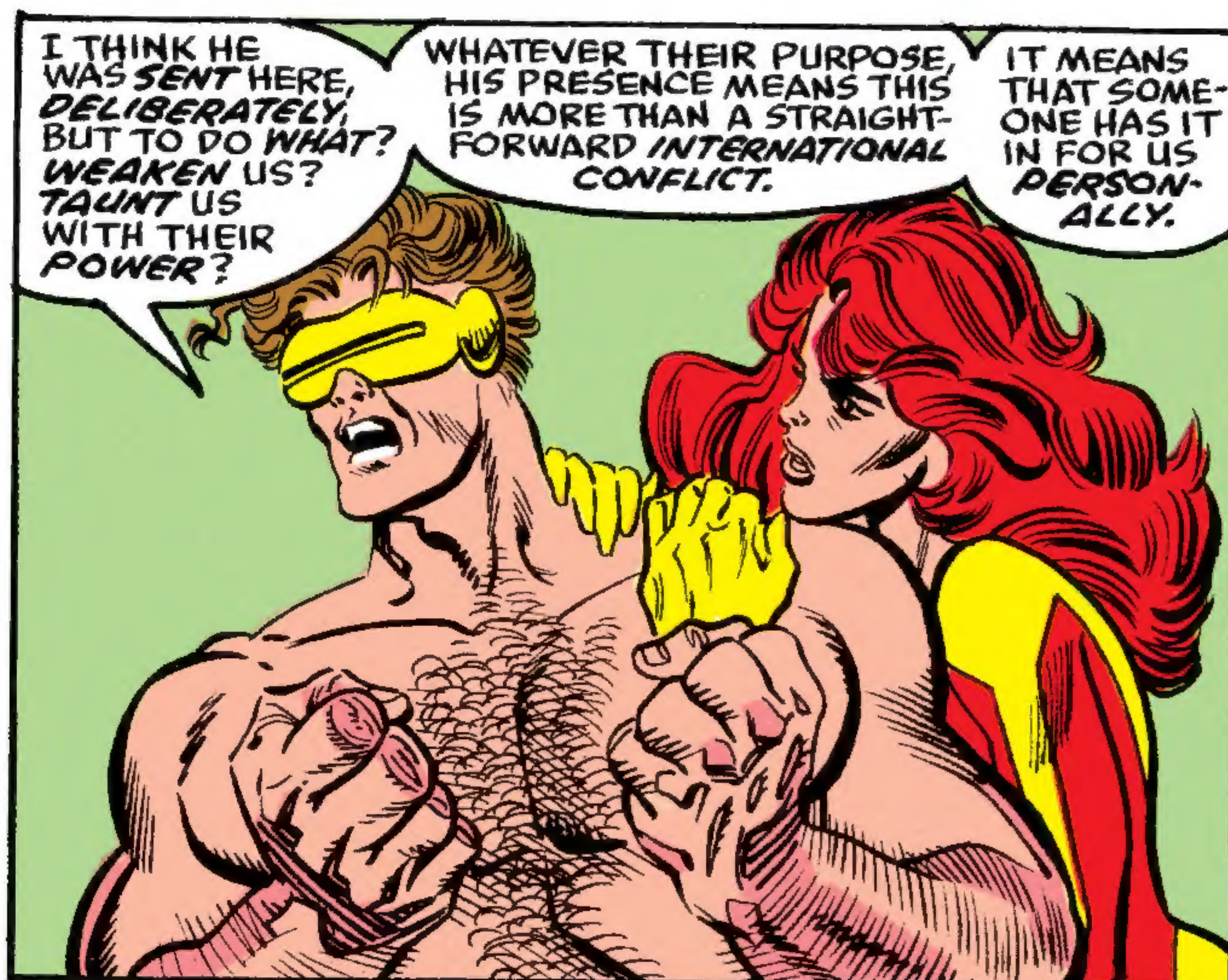
THIS MAY BE VICTORY, BUT IT DOESN'T FEEL MUCH LIKE IT.

LOOK HOW THE GROUND IS LITTERED WITH WEAPONS AND CLOTHING... JUST LIKE AT THE X-MANSION.

AT LEAST WE KNOW, NOW, HOW THEY KIDNAPPED THE KIDS. NOT THAT THE KNOWLEDGE WILL DO US MUCH GOOD NOW.

SCOTT, WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S ALL WRONG! ALEX, MY BROTHER, IS A MAGISTRATE, FIGHTING WITH THE GENOSHANS. HE... DOESN'T REMEMBER WHO HE IS.



I THINK HE WAS SENT HERE, **DELIBERATELY**, BUT TO DO WHAT? **WEAKEN** US? **TAUNT** US WITH THEIR **POWER**?

WHATEVER THEIR PURPOSE, HIS PRESENCE MEANS THIS IS MORE THAN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD **INTERNATIONAL** CONFLICT.

IT MEANS THAT SOMEONE HAS IT IN FOR US **PERSONALLY**.



THEY KNEW OUR LOCATION, PROBABLY USING **SATELLITE** SURVEILLANCE.

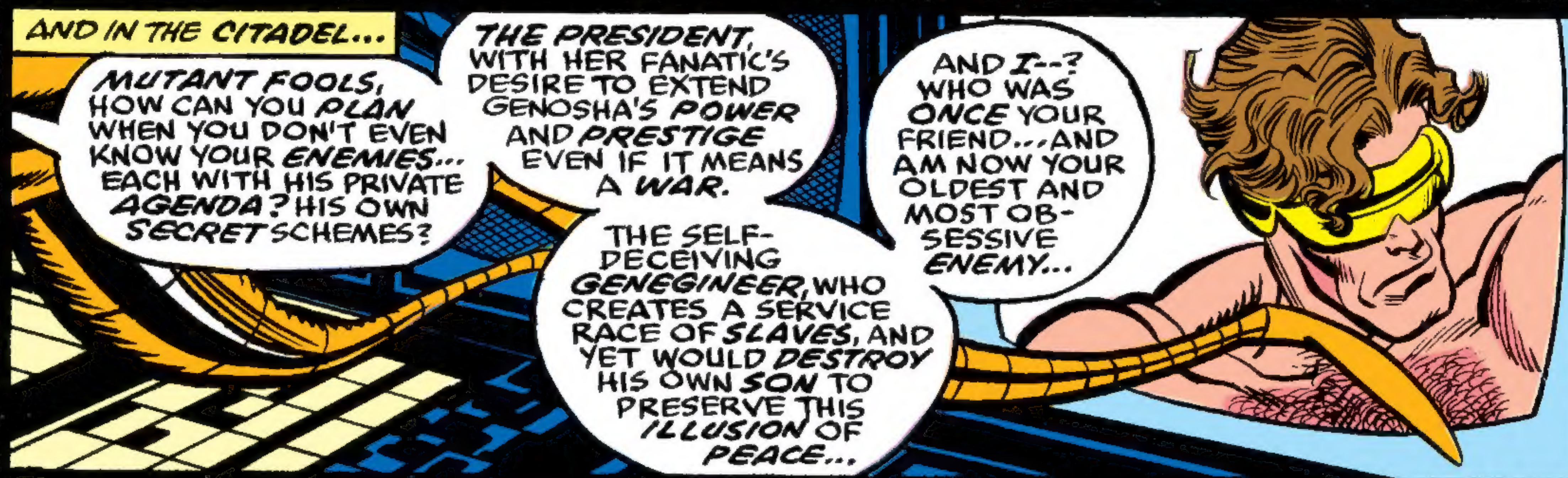
FORGE SAID HE COULD WHIP TOGETHER SOME **SCRAMBLERS** TO **PROTECT** US FROM IT. AND THAT WE CAN **LOSE 'EM!**



I KNOW WE'D PLANNED TO **CIRCLE ROUND**, **SECRETLY**, BUT...

I AGREE, **CABLE**.

THEY KNOW WE'RE **COMING**. SO THERE'S NOTHING STOPPING US FROM MOVING IN ON 'EM-- **FAST AND UGLY!**



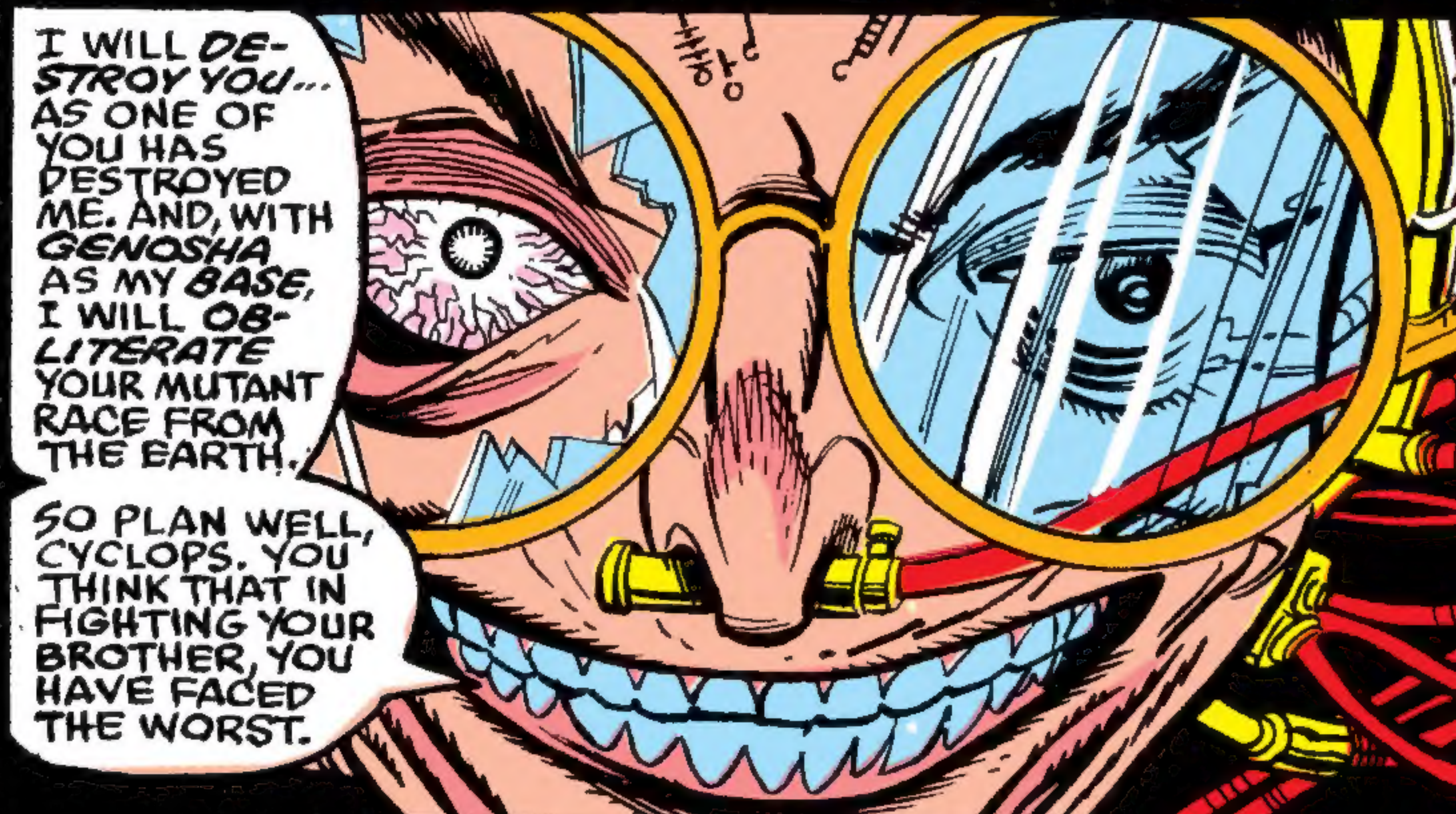
AND IN THE CITADEL...

MUTANT FOOLS, HOW CAN YOU **PLAN** WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR **ENEMIES**... EACH WITH HIS PRIVATE **AGENDA**? HIS OWN **SECRET SCHEMES**?

THE **PRESIDENT**, WITH HER **FANATIC'S** DESIRE TO **EXTEND** **GENOSHA'S POWER** AND **PRESTIGE** EVEN IF IT MEANS A **WAR**.

THE **SELF-DECEIVING** **GENENGINEER**, WHO CREATES A **SERVICE RACE OF SLAVES**, AND YET WOULD **DESTROY** HIS OWN **SON** TO **PRESERVE** THIS **ILLUSION OF PEACE**...

AND I--? WHO WAS **ONCE** YOUR **FRIEND**... AND AM NOW YOUR **OLDEST** AND **MOST OBSESSIVE** **ENEMY**...



I WILL **DESTROY** YOU... AS ONE OF YOU HAS **DESTROYED** ME. AND, WITH **GENOSHA** AS MY **BASE**, I WILL **OB-LITERATE** YOUR **MUTANT RACE** FROM THE **EARTH**.

SO **PLAN WELL**, **CYCLOPS**. YOU THINK THAT IN **FIGHTING** YOUR **BROTHER**, YOU HAVE **FACED** THE **WORST**.

FOOL! I **ENGINEERED** **HAVOK'S** **DEFEAT**. AND I HAVE **INSURED** THAT HE WILL BE **SHAMED** BY THE **LOSS**.

NOW HE HAS SOMETHING TO **PROVE**. AND HIS **DEMONSTRATION** OF **LOYALTY** TO **GENOSHA** WILL **BETRAY** YOU ALL INTO MY **HANDS**.

WOLVERINE, PSYLOCKE, AND JUBILEE JOIN THE **WAR** IN **X-MEN #27!**

THE **FIRST AT-TACK** ON THE **CITADEL** IN **NEW MUTANTS #96**, AS **HODGE** HAS HIS **RE-VENGE** ON **RAHNE!**

AND IN **X-FACTOR #61** --- THE **BETRAYAL!** **HODGE** **VIC-TORIOUS?** FIND OUT IN **30!**